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President Droupadi Murmu pays tributes to C Rajagopalachari at Rashtrapati Bhavan. His bust replaced British architect Edwin Lutyens' statue there | PIB

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1st counter-terror policy to cut fund, arms, safe havens

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE government on Monday announced the country's first counter-terror policy, 'Prahaar', which addresses evolving threats through prevention, coordinated response and capacity building while adhering to the rule of law. The document released by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) noted that instability in India's immediate neighbourhood has often created ungoverned spaces, adding that a "few countries in the region have sometimes used terrorism as an instrument of state policy".

However, the MHA said India does not associate terrorism with any religion. "India does not link terrorism to any specific religion, ethnicity, nationality or civilization," it said while emphasising that the country has always denounced terrorism "unambiguously and unequivocally" and that its policy is guided by a principled approach of 'zero tolerance' against terror.

The strategy flows from India's commitment to stand by the victims of terrorism. It is predicated on prevention of terror attacks, swift and proportionate responses, aggregation of internal capacities through a whole-of-government approach, ensuring human rights and rule-of-law-based processes, attenuating conditions that enable terrorism, aligning and shaping global efforts to counter terror, and strengthening recovery and resilience through a whole-of-society approach.

The policy envisages enhanced cooperation among agencies, periodic legal reforms and further capacity building of state counter-terror units so as to deny terrorists access to funds, weapons and safe havens, while investing in technology and partnerships to counter future threats.

Framework on global terrorism

India will keep working on a comprehensive framework on international terrorism while pursuing 'Prahaar', which aims to criminalise all terrorist acts and deny access to funds, weapons and safe havens to the terrorists, their financiers and supporters

There is a need to associate legal experts at every stage of investigation, right from the registration of the first information report to its culmination in prosecution

New policy

IAF grounds its entire Tejas fleet

Launches technical review to find out how an Mk1 overshot the Guj runway during takeoff

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

THE Indian Air Force (IAF) has grounded its entire Tejas fleet as a precautionary measure following a runway incident earlier this month, even as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Monday described the episode as a "minor technical incident".

According to defence sources, the IAF has initiated a comprehensive technical review across critical systems to determine the cause of the incident. There has been no official statement from the IAF so far on either the incident or the temporary grounding.

It also remains unclear whether the airframe of the jet that skidded off the runway will be written off.

It is reliably learnt that the grounding comes after an incident in early February at Naliya Air Base in Gujarat, where a Tejas MK1 overshot the runway during take off. Sources said the jet slid into a nearby mud patch softened by prior rainfall while still in the acceleration phase of take-off.

The pilot sustained injuries but is reported to be safe.

HAL sought to downplay it, stating that there had been no incident involving the LCA Tejas beyond a "minor technical issue" on the ground.

It further added that Tejas MK1 continues to maintain one of the world's best safety records among contemporary fighter aircraft.

However, if the crash is confirmed, this would mark the third loss involving the Tejas MK1. The first loss of a series-production jet occurred in March 2024, when a fighter crashed near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, shortly after participating in the tri-services exercise Bharat Shakti. The second incident took place in November last year at the Dubai Airshow, where Wing Commander Namansh Syal was killed while in an aerobatic display.

Tejas is a single-engine fighter jet that is designed to undertake operating in high-threat air environments. It capabilities include air defence and maritime reconnaissance.

Mk1, Mk1-A deliveries behind schedule

HAL is yet to complete delivery of the IAF's Tejas Mk-1 order. Of the 40 aircraft contracted, only 38 have been delivered so far. The delays extend to the larger Tejas Mk-1A programme as well, where deliveries of 180 aircraft are running over two years behind schedule

Today's Match
7pm: England vs Pakistan (Pallekele)

K'taka's BT industry touches $39b, makes up 10% of GSDP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA biotechnology sector's economy has hit $39.2 billion (Rs 3.25 lakh crore), accounting for over 10% of the gross state domestic product (GSDP), according to the Karnataka BioEconomy Report 2025, released on Monday.

According to the report, Karnataka's bioeconomy, which accounts for around 21% of the country's output, expanded from $31 billion in 2023, reflecting a cumulative growth of 26.5%. It is now adding nearly $10 billion every quarter to GSDP. The report also mentions that propelled by biologics, biosimilars, vaccines and diagnostics, biopharma is the leading contributor with around $16.44 billion.

The study lists industrial biotechnology as the fastest-growing segment – with a contribution of around $11.46 billion – led by fermentation-based industries, biofuels, enzymes and sustainable materials.

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EXPRESS READ

Will fight till MGNREGA restored: Siddaramaiah

C'BALLAPUR: CM Siddaramaiah said VB-G RAM G Act was passed in Parliament without adequate debate. At a protest in Chikkaballapur, he vowed a sustained protest until MGNREGA is restored P4

GPS survey shows ₹318cr property tax evasion

BENGALURU: Greater Bengaluru Authority has found ₹318cr tax evasion from 13,600 properties during Ph II of GPS-based door-to-door reassessment drive. The process to recover ₹688cr from 23,600 property owners begin P2

Don warns of more tariffs for those 'playing games'

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

JUST days after the US Supreme Court struck down the tariff regime imposed by his administration, US President Donald Trump threatened to levy significantly higher tariffs, or take tougher measures, against countries that try to "play games" with the ruling.

In a social media post on Monday, Trump said, "Any country that wants to 'play games' with the ridiculous Supreme Court decision, especially those that have 'Ripped Off' the USA for years, and even decades, will be met with a much higher tariff, and worse, than that which they just recently agreed to."

The remarks came after the European Parliament decided on Monday to postpone for a second time a vote on the European Union's trade deal with the US.

The delay follows Trump's imposition of a new blanket 15% import tariff and discussions within the EU on slowing the ratification process of the proposed trade pact.

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• Ritu: Sisira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Sapthami 7.35 am
• Nakshatra: Krithika 3.46 pm • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 06.38 am
Sunset 06.27 pm
Moonrise 11.33 am
Moonset 11.54 pm

GPS survey shows property tax evasion of ₹318cr

Proceedings to recover ₹688 crore begin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has identified Rs 318 crore tax evasion from 13,600 properties during its second phase of GPS-based door-to-door reassessment drive.

Proceedings have begun to recover Rs 688 crore from owners of 23,600 properties. Notices have been issued along with online appeals and payment options.

Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue) GBA, said on Monday that the special drive by the IT wing of the authority covered around 13,600 properties across the city. It was found that owners of these properties had underpaid taxes for an average of five years. Nearly 67,000 notices, including year-wise assessments, have been issued.

With this, the total recovery process initiated in the first and second phases has reached Rs 688 crore from 23,600 properties. Show-cause notices have been issued to property owners and alerts sent via SMS and IVRS. Such owners have been given 15 days to file appeals online or pay the revised tax through the designated portals, he said. According to Moudgil, GPS teams visit such properties and record the usage type (residential, commercial or mixed), built-up area and number of floors with a mobile application. The data then is sent to the department concerned, where a quality check (QC) team verifies the entries. Approved data is then cross-verified with drone imagery and digital building footprint records.

If discrepancies such as construction of extra floors or undeclared commercial usage are identified, GBA's system automatically generates a show-cause notice with applicable penalties and interest, Moudgil said.

Stating that the GPS teams inspect nearly 10,000 properties daily, he said all cases of tax evasion would be pursued. The drive aims at ensuring transparency and accountability in property tax assessment.

Namma Metro fare revision errors yet to be reviewed

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

AS Namma Metro commuters await an update over the proposed 5% fare hike, a larger and more uncomfortable question is being quietly sidelined: what about the controversial 71% hike imposed last year?

The current review by the state government seems to focus on the annual 5% increase recommended by the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC). However, letters sent to the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs argue that the real issue lies in alleged calculation errors in the 2025 revision, which are yet to be fully examined.

The fare controversy erupted in February 2025 when the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) announced hikes exceeding 100%.

"The debate on the 71 percent was itself unresolved but BMRCL added an additional 5% fares on the flawed FFC report," said Satya Arikutharam, an independent mobility expert and further adding, "Commuters are not asking for reductions. They are demanding corrections."

He alleged that the fare hike

was flawed from the start. "Initially, a technical error led to some fares increasing by over 100%. That was 'moderated' to 71%. Now the annual hike has been temporarily kept in abeyance. But BMRCL must not attempt to push it through in stealth mode when new corridors open."

Krishna Raj, Professor at the Institute for Social and Economic Change and member of the State Expert Committee on Resource Mobilisation, explained the corporation's financial position. "BMRCL's expenditure exceeds its revenue. Only 20% of project cost comes from the Centre and 80% from the state. Operational sustainability depends largely on fare collections."

Warning of broader consequences, he said, "The balance-sheet approach alone is not enough. Metro fares must consider societal equity. The BMRCL should explore new sources of revenue rather solely depending on fare." Satya Arikutharam points to Mumbai Metro One Private Limited, where fare hikes were stalled after judicial scrutiny. The Bombay High Court in 2017 quashed a defective FFC report and stayed hikes. Even Delhi Metro ignored the FFC recommendation on automatic annual increase.

"Why is BMRCL alone treating the FFC as binding or sacrosanct?" he asked. "If the 2025 defective FFC report contains errors, correcting it is the only remedy to Bengaluru commuters' fare misery," he added.

GREEN MOBILITY

Visitors explore an EV two-wheeler on the final day of EVready 2026, a three-day electric vehicle expo held at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Monday | KEVIN NASHON

SWACHH MISSION

K'taka gets ₹2,245cr, ₹512.68cr cleared for Bengaluru projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Union government has allocated Rs 2,245.30 crore to Karnataka under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 (SBM-U2.0), with Rs 83.53 crore set to be released upon submission of a duly approved Action Plan by the state government. For Bengaluru, Rs 512.68crore worth of projects have been cleared, including waste processing, landfills and road sweeping initiatives.

The details were shared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, in response to a Rule 377 intervention raised in the Lok Sabha on February 5 by Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan, seeking establishment of modern waste management clusters in Bengaluru.

Of the total allocation, Rs 709.30 crore has been earmarked for solid waste management. So far, Rs 625.77crore has been approved, and Rs 87.82crore has been claimed by the state government. The remaining Rs 83.53crore will be released after Karnataka submits an Action Plan, approved by the State Level Technical Committee (SLTC). Once cleared by the Centre, the funds must be transferred to Urban Local Bodies (ULCs) for implementation.

For Bengaluru alone, projects worth Rs 512.68 crore, including a Central share of Rs 128.16 crore, have already been approved. These include Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) with a combined capacity of 1,226.11 tonnes per day (TPD), waste-to-energy plants of 460 TPD, an 800-TPD sanitary landfill, transfer stations handling 6,081.74TPD, remediation of 100.49 lakh tonnes of legacy waste, and procurement of 24 mechanical road sweepers.

Since sanitation is a state subject, planning and execution rest with the state government and ULCs, while the Centre provides financial and policy support. Mohan stressed that timely submission of the Action Plan is crucial to accelerate waste management reforms in Bengaluru.

A pile of garbage lays uncleared off JC Road on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DCM DK Shivakumar rides a bike ahead of the Congress protest against VB-G RAM G at Chikkaballapur on Monday

Mobile phone ban under discussion: DCM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THERE is pressure from parents to ban mobile phones in schools, and the issue is still under discussion, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said here on Monday.

"I cannot disclose how mobiles are being misused. That is why discussions are being held. Several countries have already banned mobile phones (for children), and the matter is being discussed at the international level as well," Shivakumar told reporters.

Meanwhile, when questioned about a report by the Monitoring of Indian National Aquatic Resources (MINARS), Shivakumar stated that water from Bengaluru's lakes is not fit for drinking. The government has never advised citizens to use lake water for drinking or bathing. "Lakes in Bengaluru are meant to improve groundwater levels. Water from Thippagondanahalli reservoir is treated by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board before supply," he said. Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara also said that the government was considering the prohibition of the use of mobile phones by children below 16 in schools and colleges. "Giving mobile to children under age of 16 will cause an adverse impact. Many countries have conducted studies and banned the use of mobile phones by children. The CM has also thought about this. After studying the pros and cons, the CM will take a decision," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Dr Mansi Bansal, Dr Subhash Sharma, RS Deshpande, Dr S Mahendra Dev, Dr Manish Jain, Dr Charan Singh, Dr Ravindra Brahme and Professor Prashant Kulkarni at Ecofluence 3.0 held at Indus Business Academy recently | EXPRESS

Yesvantpur-S'mogga Express extended to Talaguppa

Shivamogga: The South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to temporarily extend Train Nos. 16581/16582 Yesvantpur-Shivamogga Town-Yesvantpur tri-weekly express up to Talaguppa for one day to facilitate the extra rush of passengers in view of the Marik-amba Devi Jatra Mahotsava. Accordingly, on Sunday, Train No. 16581 Yesvantpur-Shivamo-gga Town Express will be extended to run up to Talaguppa. In the return direction, Train No. 16582 will originate from Talaguppa instead of Shivamogga Town. There will be only one trip of this extended service. Train No. 16581 will depart Yesvantpur at 00:15 hours and arrive at Talaguppa at 09:00 hours. ENS

Kodagu doc-scientist to receive UK's prestigious award

Madikeri: Dr Navita Somaiah, a clinician–scientist of Kodagu origin, has been invited to a royal ceremony in the United Kingdom, where she will be honoured with the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Prize for Higher and Further Education for her contribution to the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) in London. Dr Navita received the invitation from Buckingham Palace to attend the investiture as part of the ICR delegation. The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Higher and Further Education is regarded as the United Kingdom's highest national honour in the academic and research sector. The award recognises the ICR's sustained excellence in teaching, research and practice-changing trials, particularly in breast, prostate and head and neck cancers. ENS

FOCUS ON LHA

Stress can alleviate itching, finds IISc study

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@ Bengaluru

STRESS can cause neurons in our brains to activate and suppress the sensation of itching, according to a study conducted by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). The team of researchers mapped a neural circuit in the brain that reveals the complex relationship between stress and itching, unearthing the little-understood process behind the psychosomatic response.

The focus of the study lay on the lateral hypothalamic area (LHA), a brain region known to regulate stress, motivation and emotional states. The team used genetically engineered mouse models to identify a specific population of neurons in the LHA that is triggered by stress.

"We ran some pilot experiments, and saw that surprisingly, acute stress was able to suppress acute itching," said Jagat Narayan Prajapati, a PhD student at the Centre for Neuroscience (CNS), IISc.

A short-term chemically induced itch and a psoriasis-like chronic itch model were observed after activating the stress neurons, and both models showed signs of abatement. The effects disappeared when the neurons were no longer activated. "By identifying the specific neural circuit that links stress to itch, we are opening the possibility of targeting these brain mechanisms to better manage chronic stress-induced worsening of the itch," added assistant professor at CNS Arnab Barik.

The new findings offer a different direction, while considering treatments that seek to remedy itching, moving beyond the epidermal and treating at the neural level.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

24th February: Under the Plutonian Lunar Trine Don't be so quick to think you need to change. In your sprint to improve, you may be leaving behind your most attractive quality: your vulnerability. You're aware that you, like all humans, are imperfect, and that's what makes you awesome. Self-acceptance is the ultimate confidence -- the confidence to like yourself as-is.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Even when something is completely unfamiliar to you, you are still able to open your mind and heart to it because you're constantly looking for points of connection and relatability. This curiosity and courage will be your creative thriving.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You sense opportunity is here somewhere. Your intuition notices the signal -- a conversation, a chance encounter, an emerging idea your conscious mind hasn't fully processed yet. Your mind is already tuning into something lucky.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Subtle energies in a room will affect the outcome. Invisible forces seal deals. Case in point: reputation. It's just a story, perhaps unrecorded, but powerful, nonetheless. It affects trust, which is also invisible but will make all the difference.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
The inner narration that helps you understand experiences can also interfere with your experience. When self-talk is repetitive and unhelpful, you may end up thinking about life more than being in it. You can quiet the noise with a calming practice.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
In the adventure movies, the hero is cracking jokes while swinging over pits of vipers. It's heroic to be lighthearted when the stakes are high. You've mastered the art of reading the room and sensing when to release the tension of a moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You'll be successful because you notice what matters. You assume nothing. You don't underestimate the meek. You ask questions like, "What could go right or wrong?" You're attuned to what others overlook, neglect or don't detect at all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Today, your detailed observations will be more useful than big-picture theorizing, especially in matters of communication. Instead of asking, "What's the story here?" try "What exactly was said? With what tone? What did I assume in response?"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Today features an easy pursuit. You hold on loosely and enjoy the process. You don't care so much as to get your pride involved. You leave room for fortunate coincidences because you are relaxed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Giving a solid performance takes much more work than people realize. It will take dozens of hours to deliver what's expected and dozens more to make it look effortless. You aim to please, and you're right on target.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You will limit your unintentional words or movements to render your intentional expressions more discernible and charismatic. Your tweaks of communication keep your message uncluttered, clear, powerful and easily understood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
When you give your word, you're good for it. You follow through on even the most casual of suggestions. The size of the commitment doesn't matter. You deliver on it because you despise flakiness in anyone, yourself included.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
The sun smiles on you with an opportunity to strike up the band. Begin a project, launch what you've been working on or start the conversation that will mark the relationship's beginning. Your confidence kicks in from the get-go.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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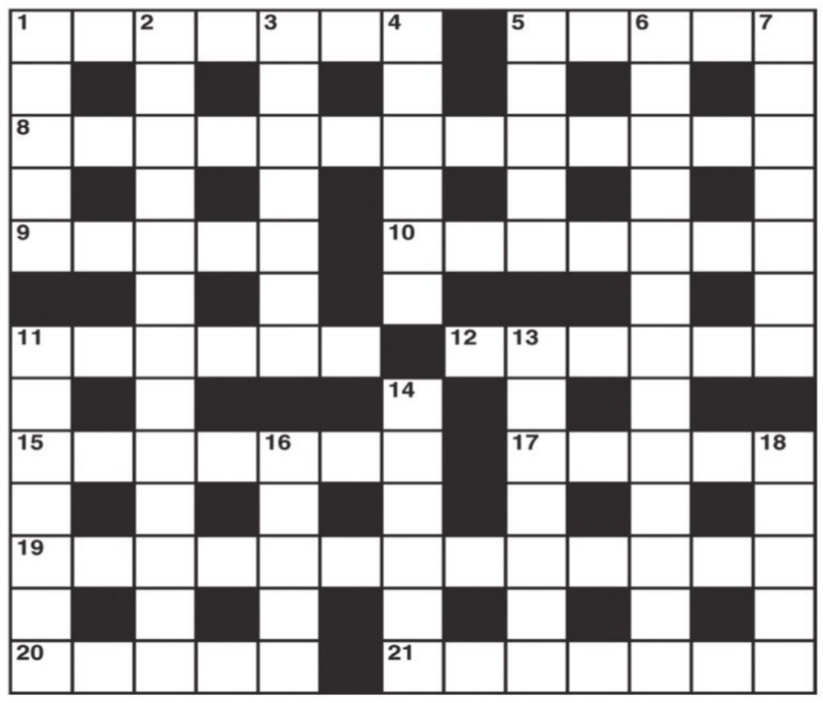

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Unwanted gas pipe? (7)
5 Ready to fight for a dream perhaps (5)
8 Unimportant Arab chiefs we hear (2,5,6)
9 Cattle guide (5)
10 His examinations necessitate a lot of book work (7)
11 Attractive number on yacht all at sea (6)
12 Take Latin (6)
15 It controls the waves though the rain is wild (7)
17 In a way age is some protection (5)
19 Promising gardening correspondent? (7,6)
20 As many as there can be (5)
21 Had a vision which put me in great fear (7)

DOWN
1 Birds from other nests (5)
2 He takes the lot (7,6)
3 A hunter in difficulty brings ferret out (7)
4 It doubles up with an old master (6)
5 Yearned - for an aspirin? (5)
6 What bees do when really busy? (4,6,3)
7 Justify being wrongly severed (7)
11 In a small company custom is to share quarters (7)
13 An age certain to get wiped out (7)
14 Produced in a dramatic way (6)
16 A row in a casino is expected (5)
18 She would pack a right in a scrap (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cobra, 8 Reserved, 9 Least, 10 Goodwill, 11 Stem, 12 Gas, 16 Angela, 17 Airmen, 18 Ram, 23 Harpo, 24 Bypasses, 25 Husky, 26 Spurious, 27 Dying.

Down: 2 Overtone, 3 Reserves, 4 Pelota, 5 Bends, 6 Avoid, 7 Idols, 12 Gar, 13 Sam, 14 Treasury, 15 Bespoken, 19 Avenue, 20 Abase, 21 Opium, 22 Astir.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Yeah! I can dig it!
Hey! You wanna go to your yard next?
12/30
THE DOGS THOUGHT DIGGING UP THE YARD WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ____ " ____ ____ ____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PANDA MUNCH WINDOW GRASSY
Answer: With the weekend over, the Jumble creators started working on — "PUNDAY" MORNING

Customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport confiscated two shipments of hydroponic ganja weighing around 900gm on Sunday and 1.8kg on Monday. The contraband recovered on Sunday from a Hong Kong passenger was valued at Rs 31.5L. The drug intercepted on Monday from a Bangkok passenger was valued at Rs 63L

Woman alleges gang rape; accused claims extortion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 19-year-old first-year degree student filed a gang rape complaint against two men, including her social media friend, at Amruthahalli police station.

The woman claimed in her complaint that she was sexually assaulted at a posh villa in Jakkur in the early hours of February 15, and filed the complaint on February 22. Interestingly, a day before the woman filed the complaint, one of the suspects against whom she has made the gangrape allegations filed a complaint at the Malleswaram police station, accusing her and others of extortion.

The victim, native of Tamil Nadu, studies at a private college in the CBD area, is reportedly staying at a paying guest accommodation in Shantinagar. Her complaint mentions a 21-year-old man from West Bengal, who is her social media friend, and a 34-year-old man from Malleswaram, who hails from Sakleshpur and runs the villa on lease. She claims to have gone to the villa following an invitation from her social media friend.

The woman accused the duo of sexually assaulting her after administering her a pink tablet. She stated that she was confined in a room for a few hours and later dropped off at Rajajinagar. She also accused the two of threatening her with dire consequences if she told anybody about the incident. She further claimed that she filed the complaint nearly a week after the incident as she was scared. She also told the police that she got herself treated at a private hospital on February 17. Her complaint states that she informed her brother, who studies abroad, about the incident and on his insistence, filed the police complaint.

A case of gang rape under Section 70(1) and other sections of BNS has been registered by the Amruthahalli police. "We are investigating the facts of the case. We will proceed accordingly. The FIR registered at the Malleswaram police station is also linked to this case," said an officer.

On February 21, a day before the woman filed the complaint against him and his friend, the 34-year-old man from Malleswaram, who also runs a pre-owned car business, filed a case against her and a few others.

He alleged that the woman had come for a Valentine's Day party and behaved very friendly and intimate with him. He stated that he advised her to behave properly. When he was leaving for home around 4 am on February 15, she requested him for a drop and he dropped her at Rajajinagar. On February 18, the woman posted on her Instagram account that the car dealer and his friend had administered her narcotics, made her consume alcohol and sexually assaulted her. He claimed that he was receiving calls from an unknown person introducing himself as a crime branch head of a news channel and demanding money. He stated that the caller is threatening to air a promo on the channel to defame him if he failed to pay the amount.

"The case is still under preliminary stages of investigation. Following this complaint, a counter complaint has been registered against the complainant and his friend by the woman," said an officer.

Loot bid at bank, thief flees after alarm goes off

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru:

A futile theft attempt was made at Canara Bank, Seshadripuram branch, located at Kumara Park West in Seshadripuram police station limits, around 3am Monday. The accused gained entry by cutting open the rear grill of the bank, housed in Roopa Complex. It is said the security guard was stationed at the front gate of the bank.

The accused initially searched the bank premises. When he tried to enter the strongroom, he cut a wire, hoping to disable the alarm. While he was trying to disable the access control system, the siren set off and the accused fled the scene. "The incident happened in the early hours of Monday. The security guard, who got alerted, strangely did not find anything suspicious. He then slept and the staff discovered it when they came to work. Police have registered an FIR and are investigating," DCP (Central) Akshay M Hakay said.

Police are checking CCTV footage of the vicinity to get clues to the accused. A SOCO team and dog squad have inspected the spot.

The bank was closed on Monday due to the investigation.

IFTAR MOMENTS

A group of men waits to break their Ramzan fast with a slice of fresh watermelon in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMART

Indo-French deal to introduce AI in St John's admin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ST John's Research Institute (SJRI) partnered with French startup H Company to evaluate the use of 'agentic artificial intelligence' in healthcare administration. French President Emmanuel Macron cited the initiative as an example of Indo-French cooperation at the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

The AI-driven system deployed at St John's Medical College Hospital aims to reduce administrative burden on medical and clinical staff by automating repetitive and time-intensive tasks, improving operational efficiency and enabling healthcare professionals to focus more on patient care.

The initiative will begin with an operational phase to understand resource management processes and clinical staff coordination. Once integrated with the hospital's existing technology platform, the system will function in a live environment, performing backend tasks related to resource allocation and management, informed St John's.

The partnership is jointly designed by the H Company and with the SJRI leadership, including Dr Tony D S Raj, Dean, St John's Research Institute, and Head, Division of Medical Informatics and Dr Dhinagaran D, Assistant Professor in collaboration with Sara Oomen, the Chief of Nursing services at St. John's.

Ministers Priyank Kharge and Sharan Prakash Patil flanked by dignitaries at St John's Medical College Hospital event

REMARKS AGAINST DAIVA

Karnataka HC to hear Ranveer's plea today

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BOLLYWOOD actor Ranveer Singh has moved the High Court of Karnataka, questioning the legality of an order passed by a magistrate court and an FIR registered against him under the provisions of BNS for allegedly hurting religious sentiments of a section of society by mocking its daiva tradition during a public event. His case will be heard by Justice M Nagaprasanna on Tuesday.

The FIR was registered by High Grounds police on January 28, following the magistrate's order on a private complaint filed by Prashanth Methal, a city-based advocate.

Singh was booked under Sections 196 (promoting enmity, hatred, or disharmony between different groups based on religion, race, language, or caste), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs), and 302 (intentional wounding of religious feelings) of BNS. According to the complaint, the incident occurred on November 28, 2025, during the closing ceremony of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Singh allegedly mocked the daiva tradition by imitating Panjurli daiva. The actor has also been accused of calling daiva a "female ghost".

The complainant asserted that daiva is not a ghost but a powerful spirit symbolising justice, protection, and divine feminine energy, and holds deep religious and cultural significance in coastal Karnataka.

Singh's act was an insult to Hindu religious beliefs and practices. The video of the performance went viral on social media, causing anger and resentment among the people.

Rao seeks social media help to trace missing nephew

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FORMER Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao has sought the help and support of social media users to help locate his 33-year-old nephew **Aniruddh Ramesh**, who is missing since February 16.

Rao's post on X said, Aniruddh is an assistant professor of Psychology at a prominent college in South Bengaluru, and lives in Hanumanthanagar. He is 32 years old, 6'2" tall and is quiet.

Rao told TNIE that his nephew's whereabouts are still unknown, and he has sought help from social media users due to their wide reach. "Aniruddh is unmarried. Except for withdrawing Rs 9,000 in cash, he has not taken his vehicle, credit cards or even mobile phone. He has not left any note also," Rao added.

Aniruddh's sister Apoorva Avinash filed a complaint on February 17, and police registered a missing persons case. According to the complaint, Aniruddh was working at a private college in Jayanagar, and reportedly went missing after coming out of his workplace between 4.45pm and 5pm on February 16.

"Aniruddh is said to have taken his laptop. Zero FIR was registered at Hanumanthanagar police station. The case was transferred to Tilaknagar police station, since he went missing near his college," said an officer.

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Alleging a sustained conspiracy and injustice against Dalit legislators in Karnataka, former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi on Monday slammed the State Government, stating that CM Siddaramaiah no longer possesses the political strength he once demonstrated during his 2013–18 tenure

31 DEBUTANT CONG MLAs WRITE TO BRASS, SEEK CABINET BERTHS

This will honour people's mandate, strengthen party ahead of future polls, reads the letter

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

AS intense speculation over a possible leadership change continues to grip the ruling Congress in Karnataka, fresh political tremors have emerged with 31 first-time MLAs writing directly to the party high command, demanding representation in the state cabinet.

The development assumes significance as discussions surrounding power-sharing arrangements and administrative restructuring gather momentum within the Congress.

At a politically sensitive juncture, the legislators have urged the leadership to undertake an immediate cabinet expansion and accommodate new-generation representatives who secured victory for the party in the 2023 Assembly elections.

The letter surfaced even as Karnataka Congress in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala is touring the state, triggering widespread speculation about an impending cabinet reshuffle and internal rebalancing within the government.

In their communication to the high command, the MLAs argued that voters had clearly endorsed youthful leadership by electing a large number of first-time representatives.

The legislators maintained that granting ministerial positions to newcomers would honour the people's mandate and strengthen the party ahead of future electoral battles. They pointed out that several political leaders across India had risen to top executive positions despite being first-time legislators, asserting that experience should not become a barrier to opportunity.

Calling for recognition of loyalty and ideological commitment, the MLAs stressed that empowering dedicated grassroots leaders would energise party cadres and consolidate Congress' political base across regions.

The signatories include AS Ponnanna, Bhimsen Chimmankatti, Pradeep Eshwar, Iqbal Hussain, NT Srinivas, Ashok Kumar Rai, N Srinivas, Darshan Dhruvanarayana, Shivaganga Basavaraju, Vishwas Vaidya, Nara Bharat Reddy, Prakash Koliwad, KS Anand, Manthar Gowda, Channareddy Patil, Devendrappa, D Ravishankar, Nayana Motamma, Rajavenugopal Nayak, Mahendra Thammanavar, AC Srinivas, Ashok Mangoli, P Ravikumar, Babasaheb Patil and others, totalling 31 legislators.

The collective appeal has now added a new dimension to Karnataka's evolving political landscape, where discussions on leadership transition and Cabinet restructuring are already underway. Political observers view the letter as a calibrated pressure move from emerging leaders seeking a greater role in governance.

With internal equations shifting and expectations rising within the ruling party, the Congress top brass' response is likely to shape the next phase of Karnataka politics, potentially determining both cabinet composition and power dynamics in the months ahead.

Siddu camp all set to project a Dalit for CM

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge sending out a message that the high command has arrived at a decision on change in leadership, as claimed by Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, the CM Siddaramaiah camp seems to be prepared to anoint an AHINDA leader to the top post to counter the DCM DK Shivakumar camp. This is because Kharge is said to favour Shivakumar for CM and his son Priyank Kharge as DCM, sources said.

Satish, who has reiterated that he is not in the race for the CM post in the present tenure, is said to have chalked out a strategy to pitch Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, a Dalit, for the top post. The Siddaramaiah camp is asserting that he should continue as CM for the full term and if it's inevitable for him to step down, a Dalit should succeed. Their logic is that since Congress came to power with the backing of AHINDA (Kannada acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits), a Dalit deserved the top post. Satish, being projected as an ideological heir to Siddaramaiah, is leading from the front. He had also led a delegation of legislators to Kharge recently and is said to be planning to take some of his loyalist MLAs on a trip out of the state, sources said.

At Kumta, Satish told reporters that the CM was selected for five years and there will be no change until the term ends. He said the debate is still going on about a Dalit being chosen as CM. "But that doesn't mean a discussion becomes a reality. There are many aspirants for the post, but ultimately the party high command will decide," he said.

ONLY CONGRESS CAN MAKE DALIT A CM: Dr G

Responding to BJP's allegations that Congress betrayed Dalits by denying them the CM, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara termed it a ploy by the opposition. "If not for Congress, who else will make a Dalit a chief minister? The high command will decide when the time comes," he added. Hinting that Siddaramaiah could propose a Dalit for the top post, he said, "Siddaramaiah has been committed to social justice since the beginning. Social justice is the foundation of his politics." Siddaramaiah too stated on Sunday that only Congress can make a Dalit a CM.

'ONLY DKS AN ALTERNATIVE'

Karnataka Congress on social media platform X posted an 18-second video, depicting Shivakumar as the only alternative to Siddaramaiah. It starts with 'Doctor: let's see what's in your heart', and the probe only finds DK Shivakumar. The post terms him 'Mana Gedda Jananayaka' (a popular leader who won hearts).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and others at the Congress' 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' in Chikkaballapur on Monday | EXPRESS

VB-G RAM G passed in haste, will fight till MGNREGA restored: CM

V VELAYUDHAM @ Chikkaballapur

HITTING out at the Union Government for enacting the VB-G RAM G Act replacing the UPA-era MGNREGA, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that the new law was passed in the Parliament without adequate debate. "On December 17, 2025, the matter was debated only for eight hours. On December 18, the Bill was passed, and the new law was enacted," the CM said while addressing the Congress 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' in Chikkaballapur on Monday.

Siddaramaiah stated that nearly 12 crore people benefited under MGNREGA, of whom nearly 53% were women and 28% belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

"With VB-G RAM G, the Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has deprived people belonging to the weaker sections of their rights," the CM said.

Claiming that the new law dilutes the powers of the gram panchayats, Siddaramaiah said now the decision on what work will be undertaken lies with the Centre. "Under VB-G RAM G, the work will be allotted by the Centre, and contractors will be involved. It mandates a 40:60 cost-sharing formula between states and the Centre, placing an additional burden on the state," the CM said.

Siddaramaiah further said that the demands of the Congress are — VB-G RAM G must be repealed, MGNREGA must be reinstated, people's right to employment must be restored, the autonomy of panchayats must be reinstated, and a nationwide daily wage of Rs 400 must be ensured. "Our agitation will continue until these demands are met," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said that the Centre, by enacting VB-G RAM G, has deprived people of their rights. "No one can erase the name of Mahatma Gandhi. Our protest will continue till the Centre withdraws the VB-G RAM G Act and brings back MGNREGA. Gandhiji was of the opinion that the nation would develop only when the rural areas develop. Now the BJP is diluting the powers of the panchayats and the people," Shivakumar, who is also state Congress president, said.

AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge of party affairs Randeep Singh Surjewala said that the repeal of MGNREGA and enactment of VB-G RAM G Act was an assault by the BJP-JDS on the people of the country.

Calling the recent trade deal with the U.S. anti-farmers, Surjewala said, "People should question every BJP leader on the decision to import maize, wheat and soya and the impact that it will have on our farmers. The Centre has decided to import millets from Indonesia. Then how will our farmers in Raichur and Kalaburagi sell their crops? The BJP is trying to sell our nation. Congress will always stand with the people of our country," he said.

BJP attacks Jairam for Trump comment

BJP MP and former CM Basavaraj Bommai attacked Congress leader Jairam Ramesh over his remark "Abki baar Trump se haar", accusing the opposition of trivialising a sensitive economic issue and resorting to "desperate rhetoric" over the proposed India-US interim trade arrangement. Ramesh had used the phrase to criticise the Centre's handling of negotiations with the US. The Congress has raised concerns that the framework could disproportionately benefit American interests. Bommai dismissed the criticism as "baseless and politically motivated".

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah holds a pre-budget meeting with ST leaders in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Govt yet to implement SC internal quota: BJP leaders in letter to Guv

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A delegation of BJP leaders, led by former DCM Govind Karajol, submitted a memorandum to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, stating that the Congress government is yet to implement the Supreme Court order on internal reservation for Scheduled Castes, though the verdict was passed over 18 months ago. They alleged that the state government has the necessary statistics in reports filed by the Justice Sadashiva Commission and Madhuswamy Committee. But still, the Congress government adopted "delaying tactics" and constituted the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission. The commission worked for six months and prepared a report at a cost of Rs 110 crore, recommending 1% reservation for category I, 6% for category - II, 5% for category- III and 4% for category - IV and 1% for sub-castes who refused to identify with the original caste such as AK, AD and AA. But the government did not accept the report and came out with its own formula of 6:6:5 because of political pressure, the BJP leaders alleged.

"On what basis was this formula worked out? Neither the CM. nor the social welfare minister explained it. Though the government introduced a Bill in the Assembly, there was no scope for a detailed discussion. The Bill was tabled in the evening and on the basis of a numerical majority, it was passed hurriedly," they alleged. The government also failed to call an all-party meeting and did not consult community leaders, social leaders or legal experts before enforcing the law. "The two commissions -- Justice Sadashiva and Justice Nagamohan Das Commissions -- as well the Madhuswamy committee had provided 1% reservation to nomadic tribes and small sub-castes among SCs. But the state government has gone against the directions of the Supreme Court in implementing the Internal Reservation and has become a butt of ridicule," it stated.

The State Government has not provided solution to the problems faced by AK, AD and AA sub-castes. "For the last two years, recruitment has completely stopped. Around 2.85 lakh posts are vacant in the state government. It has to take steps to fill up these vacancies and protect the interests of youth. But this government is completely broke and it is bankrupt to the core and hence it is unable as well as helpless to make provision for funds for fresh recruitment," it charged.

Made 'shepherd' a DCM twice: HDK hits out at Siddaramaiah

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HITTING out at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah who had made the statement that people are "unhappy" as a shepherd is presenting the budget, former CM and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy said it is the same "shepherd" whom JDS made the deputy CM twice. The JDS leader criticised Siddaramaiah on his social media page, saying that he is using the social justice card for his political gain. "Siddaramaiah became MLA in 1983 and became a minister two years later. Since then he served twice as a minister, twice as the deputy CM, twice as the Leader of Opposition and twice as the CM. He has enjoyed power throughout his life. In spite of all these, whenever the issue of chair comes up, Siddaramaiah brings up issues of social justice and the caste card, which is unfair," Kumaraswamy said.

He also said in his post that Siddaramaiah is like a chameleon and his other face will be exposed. "He has done injustice to Dalit community" he said. Kumaraswamy said SIddarmaiah as the finance minister looted funds allotted for the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation. "The Rs 40,000 crore allotted for Dalits has been misused and the CM is behind it," he said in his post.

Pre-budget meet: SC/ST leaders raise fund diversion

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

TENSION over diverting welfare funds meant for the SCs and STs has come to the fore at the pre-budget meetings Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held with SC and ST leaders.

The meetings followed Siddaramaiah's recent interactions with Dalit legislators and ministers. Sources familiar with the deliberations indicated that the interactions were marked by an unease among sections of Dalit leaders over the alleged diversion of funds earmarked under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP). These allocations are meant to be used exclusively for targeted welfare and development initiatives for SC/STs, but are said to have been tapped to support the government's five flagship guarantees.

Community leaders argued that such reallocations dilute the intent of constitutionally guided welfare planning and called for "ring-fencing" of SCP-TSP funds to ensure they are spent only on schemes specifically designed for these groups. They argued that the government should allocate more funds to the Banjara, Bhovi and Ambedkar Nigams as it would directly benefit the community members. The state government rejected allegations of diversion, maintaining that the funds continue to benefit SC/ST households because a substantial proportion of beneficiaries under the guarantee programmes belong to these communities and amounts are being used in proportion only.

A senior official said the utilisation was in accordance with Rule 7C, which allows funds to be applied to schemes proportionate to the participation of SC beneficiaries. "If SC families are availing a scheme, using SCP resources for that component cannot be termed diversion," he said. The controversy has triggered a debate within the ruling Congress. Earlier at a Congress Legislative Party meeting, some Dalit legislators reportedly voiced a strong objection. One legislator said that while allocations could be revised transparently, "once funds are set aside for the community, they should not be rerouted".

A senior minister defended the government, pointing out that Congress had earlier flagged diversion of nearly Rs 10,000 crore by the earlier BJP government.

"Here there is no diversion as under 7 C, it is seen only as utilisation aligned with the beneficiary share," the minister said. Political observers note that the issue could become a sensitive point for the government as it balances the fiscal demands of its expansive welfare guarantees with the expectations of communities seeking dedicated, non-transferable allocations. The chief minister met representatives of the Dalit Sangharsha Samithi (DSS) and other SC-ST stakeholders in Bengaluru, with discussions focusing on community-specific demands, including a proposal to establish a Buddha Vihar as a cultural and spiritual centre reflecting Buddhist heritage.

State Govt proposal to build stadium at KSIC factory at T Narasipura draws flak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

UNCERTAINTY looms among workers of the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) filature factory at T Narasipura near Mysuru, where high-quality silk yarn is produced and supplied to weaving clusters in Mysuru and Channapatna, following the State Government's proposal to construct a stadium on 5 acres within the factory premises.

The factory, established in 1912 by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, produces superior silk yarn used in weaving Mysore silk sarees, which have Geographical Indication (GI) status and strong market demand.

The factory has reportedly been running profitably and received the Chief Minister's Gold Medal in 2018-19 and 2019-20. With demand for Mysore silk rising, protesters argued that shutting down or disrupting the factory would jeopardise workers' livelihoods and severely impact weaving units.

Instead of weakening production capacity, they urged the government to expand the factory and withdraw the stadium proposal. Several locals along with the labourers staged a protest to draw the attention of the government.

Cutting across political lines, leaders from various parties, activists, environmentalists and labour representatives have strongly objected to the move.

Members of the environmental group Parisarakkagi Naavu, along with other stakeholders, submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner urging the authorities to restore the land to KSIC and identify an alternative site in T Narasipura for the proposed stadium. The land had recently been transferred to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports for the project.

The memorandum pointed out that the five-acre plot houses more than 500 trees of various species, many of them over a century old. The site, they said, supports a vibrant ecosystem comprising birds, butterflies, insects and small animals. Bird-watchers have documented over 40 species of birds and more than 10 varieties of butterflies in the area, making it an important biodiversity habitat. "If a stadium is constructed here, over 500 trees and this valuable ecological system will be destroyed," said Parashurame Gowda of the balaga.

Environmentalists further cautioned that large-scale tree felling and ecological disturbance could adversely affect the functioning of the filature factory itself.

HC to state: Follow SOP till crowd control Bill passed

Suo motu PIL registered after Chinnnaswamy tragedy disposed of

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the state government to operate the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prepared by it (government) for crowd control and mass gathering management, incorporating suggestions made by the amicus curiae and others till the Karnataka Crowd Control (Managing Crowd at Events and Places of Gathering) Bill, 2025, is passed by the Assembly.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha passed the order while disposing of the suo motu public interest litigation registered over the death of 11 persons and injuries to several persons during the RCB victory celebrations outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4, 2025.

During the last hearing, the court had sought a response from the state government on the suggestions made by senior advocate and amicus curiae S Susheela that some measures incorporated in the draft SOP for crowd management can be included in the proposed Bill, saying the SOP is much better than the proposed draft. She expressed concern that it will be difficult if the upcoming IPL series is conducted at the stadium without the SOP in place.

Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty submitted that the suggestions by the amicus curiae and others were considered and a lot of time was spent preparing the SOP. The Assembly has referred the Bill to the House Committee for consultation and will consider it, and the same will be passed to bring the law, he told the court.

The amicus curiae then submitted that the state government's stand is fair enough. Let them come out with the proposed law, and let the SOP be in place till the enactment of the law, she said.

The court observed that the whole object is to ensure that no such incidents are repeated. The legislature itself is examining, and the proposed Bill has been referred for consultation. "If SOP is not implemented, you can come back to the court. If there are grievances after the enactment of the law, anybody can approach us," the court told the amicus curiae.

SOME POINTS OF SOP

- SOP must for all events expecting crowds. Police units and stakeholder departments responsible for crowd management
- Event organisers must submit a comprehensive application (Form 1 and 2) along with 'Crowd Management Plan"
- Applications without mandatory NoCs from traffic police, fire safety, health department, owner of the venue and agency responsible for certification of structural safety of the venue, PWD/BBMP/local bodies are to be rejected.
- **Licensing Authority:** Police officers of and above the rank of station-in-charge for crowd lesser than 7,000; for crowd more than 7,000 and less than 50,000, deputy superintendent of police or assistant commissioner of police; for crowd more than 50,000, superintendent of police or commissioner of police.
- Decision on permitting or rejecting the application within 3 days from the date of submitting application.
- Any organiser who willfully conducts an event without obtaining the requisite license or violates conditions stipulated, will be liable for legal action under the relevant provisions of law, including BNS, the Disaster Management Act and the Karnataka Police Act.
- **First Aid Posts:** At least 1 per 10,000 persons, at every 500-1000m in open venues.
- Ambulances must be positioned at multiple strategic points.
- **10 minutes evacuation time:** minimum 1 Advance Life Support ambulance per 25,000 persons, 1 Basic Life Support ambulance per 10,000 persons
- **Medical Stations/Field Hospitals:** For gathering of more than 50,000, one field hospital or mini trauma centre per 50,000 population, linked to tertiary hospital(s)
- Mobile first aid teams should be patrolled
- **Evacuation corridors:** Minimum 1.5-2 mtrs clear lane per 100 mtrs of crowd frontage, reserved exclusively for emergency passage.

FIGHT FOR FAIR SHARE

Members of the Karnataka Angavikalara Rajya Okkuta, an organisation of the physically challenged, protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Monday, demanding 5% reservation for them in government local body elections | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

HC bench sets aside single-judge order on MBBS paper evaluation

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A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court set aside directions issued by a single judge that the answer scripts of writ petitioners, first-year MBBS students, be sent to an additional evaluator or third evaluator for fresh assessment by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

The division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha passed the order on February 19, while allowing the appeal filed by RGUHS against the single-judge order dated July 30, 2025, in a batch of petitions filed by students pursuing first-year MBBS at RGUHS.

The division bench stated that directions issued by the single judge were essentially two-fold. First, the single judge had directed that providing key or model answers for descriptive questions be reconsidered by the Syndicate and Academic Council of the university. Second, the answer scripts of the petitioners be sent to an additional evaluator for fresh assessment. Insofar as the first direction is concerned, the university has no grievance. The Syndicate and Academic Council have already considered the issue of providing key answers or model answers regarding the subjective examination, the Bench said.

The Bench further stated that the only remaining question to be examined is whether the single judge's direction to forward the answer scripts of the petitioners for additional evaluation or fresh assessment is sustainable. The manner in which the answer scripts are to be evaluated is covered by an "Ordinance/Notification Governing Central Assessment Programme (CAP)" for theory paper assessment of all Undergraduate Health Science Courses of the University. There is no statutory provision for further revaluation of the answer scripts or for referring the matter to a third evaluator, the Bench observed.

Gadag cops nab conman who duped woman of Rs 22 lakh

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

GADAG police have resolved a four-year-old case, apprehending an interstate fraudster hailing from Kashipur, Uttarakhand. Hazarat Khan took Rs 22 lakh from Dharwad-based woman by fabricating a narrative about a treasure in Lakkundi in 2022. He claimed to possess an extraordinary ability to detect treasures hidden under the earth.

Basheera filed a complaint in 2022. The investigation, however, was stalled due to a lack of substantial evidence. On February 13, 2026, Basheera reinitiated her complaint with the Gadag police. Following a thorough investigation, authorities apprehended Hazarat. The matter gained prominence following reports regarding treasure in Lakkundi.

Hazarat would occasionally visit Dharwad, where he became acquainted with Sannabasappa from Lakkundi. Hazarat boasted to Sannabasappa about his purported gift for identifying treasures, and Sannabasappa invited him to inspect his farmland in Lakkundi. Hazarat purchased a large copper pot and 80 chocolates covered in golden foil. He put the chocolates in the pot and secretly buried it on the land.

Later, Hazarat contacted Sannabasappa, and they proceeded to the farmland. Hazarat feigned a treasure hunt. Upon excavating the site, they uncovered the large copper pot. Sannabasappa expressed his financial inability to invest, but Basheera transferred Rs 22 lakh to Hazarat. It has since come to light that Hazarat has perpetrated similar frauds against many such people, and the police are currently expanding their investigation.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Manjunath Gopal Gunaga Prop. of M/s GV Fabtech, R/o: No-48, Ist Floor, Classic Country, Kammaghata Road, Satellite Town, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560060** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No.: 7581/24, U/s: 138 NI ACT, P.S. Paharganj, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Manjunath Gopal Gunaga** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Manjunath Gopal Gunaga** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Manjunath Gopal Gunaga** of **P.S. Paharganj, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.03.2026.**

By Order
Sh. Arjun Kirar
Ld. JMFC-05, NI Act. Central Annexure-01,
Room No. 02, 1ST Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2333/CD/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **(1) MOHSIN KHAN,** Aged about 31 years, S/o. Late. Mujibulla Khan, and **(2) PARVEEN TAJ,** Aged about 59 years, W/o. Late. Mujibulla Khan, Residing at No.36/1, 2nd Floor, 2nd Block, Kambipura, Anchepalya, Bangalore - 560060., owners of the Immovable property bearing House List No.41, EPID No. 2953822257, Property No. 909/103/4/41, in Khatha No.103/4, situated at Singsandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently BBMP Ward No.191, Singasandra, Bangalore, measuring East to West 41 Feet and North to South 31 Feet, totally measuring 1271 Square Feet, has lost the original Absolute Sale Deed dated : 05/08/1998, registered as Document No.2994/1998-1999 of Book-I, Stored in CD No. 35/98-99, dated : 03-11-1998, registered in the office of Photo Registrar, Bangalore (South), Bangalore Urban District, executed by Smt. Papamma, Sri. S.P. Babu, Sri. S.P. Neelappa, Sri.S.P. Rajappa, Sri. S.P. Venkatesh, in favour of Sl No. 1 Father and Sl No.2 Husband i.e., Sri. Mujibulla Khan S/o. Sri. Usman Khan in respect of the above said property, while travelling in this regard our client have lodged Lost Article Report Serial No. 1515506/2025 on 11/03/2025 and Persons finding the said original deed may kindly return the same to the undersigned and if any one has any objections in this regard, may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence in 07 days from the date of publication to the undersigned.

GANGARAJAPPA.T., Advocate
Office : No.42, 1st Floor, Govardhana Building, 1st Main, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022.
Mobile : 9731748783
Email : gangarajappa1971@gmail.com,
Date:-23/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has intended to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner:

Mrs. KAIRUNNISA, aged about 63 years, D/o. Late. Sri. Syed Shah, Residing at No.41/15B, Asen Street, Dharanampet, Gudiyatham Post, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu - 632 602, Aadhaar No. 9967 7437 6593

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting Documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE immovable Residential bearing Site No.43, Khatha No.391/1/264/1, BBMP Khatha E-PID No.2000012113, Property No.108/4, BBMP Ward No.87, Situated at 13th Cross, Hanumaiah Street, Vinayakanagar, Vibhuthipura, Krishnarajapura Hobli, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring EAST to WEST: 40, NORTH to SOUTH: 25 feet, totally MEASURING 1000 Square feet with all appurtenances either latent or patent attached to the schedule property and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Private Property, NORTH BY : Site No.42 belong to Mr.Syed Muneer Ahmed, SOUTH BY : Site No.44.

The Schedule property consists of RCC roofed house property measuring 2700 square feet with Mosaic tiled flooring, Jungle wood doors and windows with basic civic amenities

Sd/- **K.R. BHARADWAJ AND ASSOCIATES**
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
Office at No.30, 1st Floor, (above MedPlus), 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Valmiki Road, (Sukh Sagar Cross Road), K.K. Halli, Bangalore-560 084. Mobile No.9901406233

Repco Home Finance Limited
BANGALORE BRANCH: No.109, First Floor, "A" Wing Mittal Tower, M.G Road, Bengaluru - 560001

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr.Karra Poulu Raju,** S/o.Late Mr.Krupandam and **Co-Borrower: Mrs.K.Ebishiba,** W/o, Mr.Karra Poulu Raju, have borrowed money from **Repco Home Finance Limited, Bangalore Branch** against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **09.07.2024** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide Loan Account **No.1121890004223** being ₹ **14,87,147/-** as on **09.07.2024** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the Borrower & Co-Borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken Possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder by issuing Possession Notice under Section 13 (4) of the Act on **14.11.2024.**

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. **1121890004223** being ₹ **19,20,622/-** as on **11.02.2026.**

Date / Time of E - Auction: 27.03.2026, 11.00 a.m -12.00 p.m
(with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)

Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders: 26.03.2026, 04.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Northern Portion of **Site No.17, House Llist Katha No.12/12/1, situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore Bast Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet, in all totally measuring **600 Square feet** and bounded on the: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.18, South: Remaining portion of Site No.17.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ **27,00,000/-** **EMD** (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ **2,70,000/-** Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ **25,000/-**

For E – Auction procedure, please contact **M/s. C1 India Pvt.Ltd. Mr. Prabakaran-74182 81709.**
For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, **Repco Home Finance Limited, Bangalore Branch,** on all working days between 10 a.m to 5 p.m. **Contact Nos. 080-4123 3109 & 93412-69752**

Date: 21.02.2026 Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited

CIDCO
WE MAKE CITIES

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CIDCO invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Developers/Companies for the long-term lease of land admeasuring 51.24 Hectares situated at Kelwe Road, Palghar, Maharashtra, for development of a Residential Township Project.

EOI Schedule

1) Publishing Date on **25-02-2026** at **17:00 Hrs**
2) Document Download / Sale Start Date on **25-02-2026** at **17:00 Hrs**
3) Document Sale End Date on **17-03-2026** at **17:00 Hrs**
4) EOI Submission Start Date on **25-02-2026** at **17:00 Hrs**
5) EOI Submission End Date on **17-03-2026** at **17:00 Hrs**
6) EOI Opening Date on **18-03-2026** at **15:00 Hrs**

Important Instructions:

1) The detailed EOI document can be downloaded from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
2) Applicants shall submit their EOIs online through the above portal only.
3) Queries, if any, may be sent via email to: mm.commercial@cidcoindia.com from **25-02-2026 to 03-03-2026.**
4) Replies to queries shall be published online as Corrigendum on **10-03-2026.**
5) CIDCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

Marketing Manager (Commercial)
CIDCO Ltd.
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www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30AM), for recovery of Rs. 5,11,25,155.92/- (Rupees Five Crores Eleven Lakhs Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and Ninety-Two Paisa Only) as on 19.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Mahalakshmi Rice Mill,** 196/285 286 S No.68, Yagavakote Village, Chikkaballapur, Chinthamani Tlk, KARNATAKA- 563146. **(2) Mrs. K.R. Srilakshmi (Proprietor)** D/o M Subbarao, Chikkaballapur, 107, Yagavakote Village, Chik Ballapur, Chinthamani Tlk, Karnataka 563125, **Mr. Ramesh Kanisetty (Guarantor)** HL 196/285 and 286, Yagavakote Village, Murugamalli Hobli, Chintamani Karnataka. **Mr. Venkata Rangaiah Shetty (Guarantor/mortgagor)** S/o Lakshmaiah, 500, 9th Cross, Indiranagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore North 560010. Karnataka.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **12.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹. in lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid	Inspection date & time
1	All that piece and parcel of non- residential property bearing HL No.196/285 & 286, (also indicated 196/186), carved out of survey no.68, measuring 28 guntas and bearing HL no.240/29A measuring 4 guntas , in all measuring 32 guntas along with building standing thereon, situated at Yagavakote village, Muraugamall Hobli, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura district. Property standing in the name of K R Srilakshmi W/o. Ramesh K. Bounded by : East by : Property belongs to Sri Y R Seetharama Rao and also portion of the property under Sy.No.68, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property, South by : Road and also existing M/s. Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Traders Building .	Rs. 375.00	Rs. 37.50	Rs. 1.00	10.03.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	All the Piece and Parcel of industrially converted property bearing HL No.240 New No. 240/29B property ID 152800302801020067 measuring 6 guntas, along with godown situated at Yagavakote village, Murugamalla Hobli, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District. Property standing in the name of Venkatarangaiah Shetty. Bounded by : East by : Property of Smt.Lakshmi, West by : Property of Smt Lakshmi, North by : Property of Smt Lakhsmi and South by : Road and Property of Smt Lakhsmi.	Rs. 50.00	Rs. 5.00	Rs. 1.00	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 09966397756 and 09483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 20.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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E-Tender Notification

The Agricultural Produce Market Committee Gadag. Hereby invites tender as per KW-4 under https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tender Details as below

1.	Pre bid meeting Date	05-03-2026 @ 11.30 Am
2.	Last Date for Uploading of Tender	27-03-2026 up to 5.00 Pm
3.	Opening of Technical Bid	30-03-2026 at 11: 00 Am
4.	Opening of (If Possible) Financial Bid	06-04-2026 at 11:00 Pm
5.	Tender Opening Place	The Agricultural Produce Market Committee. Office Gadag.

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.1.5%)	Indent No
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AROUND COLD STORAGE SANCTIONED UNDER RIDF-30 AND CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN FROM CATTLE MARKET TO EAST GATE ARCH GATE AND REPAIR OF WEST GATE ARCH GATE OF APMC GADAG	Rs.4,11,07,269/- (Exclusive of GST)	Rs.6,16,610/-	APMC/2025-26/RD/ WORK_INDENT791 KW-4
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN INFORNT OF FRUITS MARKET AND INFORNT OF 5000 MT GODOWN AND IN SWAMI VIVEKANANDA ASHRAM ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3 COMPLEX IN FLOWER MARKET IN MMY GADAG	Rs.1,58,26,736/- (Exclusive of GST)	Rs.2,37,500/-	APMC/2025-26/RD/ WORK_INDENT827 KW-4
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLEX FOR ORGANIC AND GRAIN PRODUCTS IN THE SITE PRESENT NEXT TO MAIN ENTRANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL SHOPS BESIDE THE ASHRAMA ROAD	Rs.1,65,60,564/-	Rs.2,48,450/-	APMC/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT829 KW-4

The Tender terms & conditions can be obtained from A.P.M.C. Office Gadag in office hours or through specified Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The right of Acceptance or rejection of tender is reserved with APMC Gadag.

Sd/-
Secretary
APMC Gadag.

DIPR/Gadag/668/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

Sd/-
Administrator
APMC Gadag.

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) Office, Pobbathi Maternity Hospital, 1st Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560 004.

No:CVO(AH)BSCC/PR/94/2025-26/IND0005 Date: 23.02.2026

Invitation for Short Term Tender EOI
Two Cover System (Only through KPP Portal)
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (in Lakhs)	EMD Amount in ₹
1.	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR IMPLEMENTING, MASS DOG VACCINATION(M D V), MICROCHIPPING FOR STRAY DOGS OF JAYANAGAR ZONE (ZONE-1) AND BOMMANAHALLI ZONE (ZONE-2) OF BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION.		
	Jayangara Zone (Zone-1):	85.062	1,70,125/-.
	Bommanahalli Zone (Zone-2)	59.89	1,19,791/-.
	Total Value of Tender	144.95	

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **02.03.2026 at 12:00 Noon. (2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: **09.03.2026 up to 4:00 p.m. (3)** Technical Bid opening date: **12.03.2026 at 5:00 p.m. (4)** Financial Bid opening date: after the completion of Technical Scrutiny.

Sd/- Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC.

Kalaburagi will host the International Women's ITF 2026 tournament from March 1 to 8 at the Chandrashekhar Patil Stadium in Kalaburagi city, said Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum. She said that this is the first time that the International Women's ITF 2026 tournament is being held in Kalaburagi. Since it is a women's sports event, there should be more security, Taranum said

Dr G asks admin to ensure peace during festivals

Alert amid arrest of Bangladeshi infiltrators

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IN the wake of recent communal clashes in Bagalakote, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Monday said nobody will be allowed to take the law into their hands during the celebration of Ramzan and Holi in the state.

"The festivals should be celebrated happily and there will be no scope to observe it otherwise. It will not be allowed. Strict instructions have been given to the officials in this regard," he told reporters.

The minister said the internal security division of the home department has been alerted in the wake of the arrest of Bangladeshi illegal immigrants who were conspiring to commit a crime. For the past one month, operations have been underway in every district to find immigrants staying illegally in the state, he said.

"The Opposition parties had said such immigrants work in coffee plantations and in the construction industry. Considering this seriously, we have instructed the superintendents of police in all districts to initiate action at every police station limits," he said.

CABINET TO DECIDE ON STUDENTS' ELECTIONS

On student elections in universities and colleges, Parameshwara said that the Cabinet would take a decision in this regard. "When KH Ranganath was the higher education minister, there were clashes during the elections held in universities and colleges. For that reason, he banned student elections. Syndicate elections were banned when I was the higher education minister. Now there is pressure on the government to review these decisions. We have to see what the Cabinet decides on this," he said.

Arrests of LeT men in Delhi puts K'taka on high alert

BENGALURU: Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara said that high alert is issued in the state following the arrests of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror suspects in Delhi. The Delhi Police arrested eight LeT suspects of whom seven of them are Bangladeshi nationals. Referring to the arrest of the illegal immigrants in Delhi, Parameshwara said, "The state's Internal Security Division (ISD) was alerted. Among the suspects arrested in Delhi, a few of them are from Bangaladesh. For the past one month, we have initiated a special drive to identify, detain, and deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in Bengaluru and other parts of the state," the Home Minister added.

10 govt schools honoured for environmental excellence

THE WINNERS

- Govt Model Higher Primary School, Yemmiganur, Ballari
- Govt Kannada Higher Primary School, Katrala, Belagavi
- Karnataka Public School, Koteshwar, Udupi
- DKZP Govt High School, Aliyur, Dakshina Kannada
- KSS Govt High School, Haklady, Udupi
- Govt High School, Alipur, Chikkaballapur
- Govt Higher Primary School, Mallur, Udupi
- Govt Higher Primary School, Jodalli, Kalaghatagi, Dharwad
- Govt Higher Primary School, Hiregonigere, Davanagere
- Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Yelandur, Chamarajanagar

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TEN schools from across Karnataka were honoured with the 'Best School' award for environmental excellence under the Mission Prakriti: From Classrooms to Conservation – Leading the Change initiative, jointly organised by Samagra Shikshana Karnataka (SSK) and World Wide Fund (WWF) -India. Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa presented the awards to the winners during a ceremony held at Vikas Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday.

Bangarappa said students should not study merely for marks, they should focus on understanding the subjects. "When awareness improves, results will follow," he said.

Highlighting Japan's waste management practices where citizens responsibly carry garbage and dispose it, he said, "Such discipline must be cultivated here as well." He emphasised that inculcating human values is the first step in education. From next year, a moral science textbook will be introduced for Classes 1 to 10.

The minister praised the merit and performance of government school teachers and urged students to make effective use of facilities provided by the government. Students shared their experiences under Mission Prakriti, and how it taught them the importance of wildlife protection and environmental conservation. Commissioner for School Education Vikas Kishor Suralkar and WWF-India CEO Karan Bhalla were present at the event.

Hubballi all set to host Ranji final

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Jammu & Kashmir team members carry a player, who collapsed while inspecting the KSCA Stadium in Hubballi on Monday | DHEMANTH

THE stage is set for the Ranji Trophy title clash between Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir at Hubballi KSCA Stadium on Tuesday. The Dharwad zone of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has made all necessary arrangements to conduct the national-level match. As the host, Karnataka is the favourite team, and local excitement is at an all-time high.

This is the first time Hubballi is hosting such a highly rated cricket match. In the past, it has hosted List A, Ranaji league and KPL matches, but has not any match that would decide the national champions. The latest match was held in November last year between Karnataka and Chandighar, a league match of the current season.

The last time Karnataka hosted a Ranji final was in the 2009-10 season in Mysuru. The state entered the final after 2015, and it was a long wait since then.

KSCA Dharwad Zone convenor Veeranna Savadi said, "The decision to conduct the Ranji Trophy final in Hubballi came as a surprise for us. As Karnataka entered the final, the BCCI decided to propose Bengaluru as the venue for the title clash. But, the KSCA proposed Hubballi as some construction works are going on there."

The curator from the BCCI visited the Rajnagar KSCA Stadium and gave its approval for conducting the match, only after the broadcaster was also satisfied with the facilities available at the venue for players, officiating staff and visiting VIPs, said Savadi. "It will be a milestone for the Hubballi as well as Rajnagar KSCA Stadium", he added.

Tight security arrangements have been made for the tournament, and security checks have been conducted at the ground on Monday. The KSCA has decided to name Pavilion Block in its Rajnagar Stadium after former India left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi, who hails from the neighbouring Gadag district.

Min Lad, Cong MLC lock horns over SC/ST issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @
Dharwad

THE third Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) meeting held at the ZP hall in Dharwad on Monday turned tense after a verbal duel between District In-charge Minister Santosh Lad and Congress MLC FH Jakkappannavar.

This high drama prevailed for a while as Jakkappannavar protested that Lad was not allowing him to talk about serious issues related to the social welfare department, that too, pertaining to the SC and ST communities. He questioned the purpose of the meeting if the minister would not allow him to discuss relevant issues and offered to leave the meeting.

In his response, Lad said he has given the chance to everybody to talk and never wished someone to walk away from the meeting. He said he was not ready to waste time listening to allegations and urged the MLC to stay back.

Lad instructed the authorities concerned to ensure that the public does not face drinking water shortage during the summer. Regular water quality tests should be conducted in water supply units in every village and urban area, he said, warning that the officials concerned would be held responsible in case any harmful factors are found in the drinking water.

The minister also said that the funds released by the government to various departments must be used without any lapse, and the quality works must be strictly monitored.

Lad also urged the agricultural university to develop new crop varieties and provide comprehensive information to the farmers about them.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-1/2025-26/2141
Date :18.02.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3&4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head of Account 4702 TSP** works in Vijayanagar Dist., Kudligi Taluk **01** Work and **Head of Account KKRDB** works in Ballari Dist Sanduru Taluk 01 Works in **Two Cover System Minimum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.80.66 lakhs, Maximum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.106.34 lakhs** the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from **date : 18.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 09.03.2026 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 11.03.2026 at 11.00 hours**. Any other information should get by login the website **"KPPP"** website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/10398/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are negotiating for the purchase of the Schedule property from **V.N. Sukanya,** Wife of Sathish Kumar B, R/at No. 24/6, Magadi Road Police Quatres, Bangalore- 56023, claiming to be the owner of the schedule property agreed to sell the same in favour of my client i.e., **Mrs. Seema Math,** w/o Dr Rudresh Hiremath residing at Flat No. 1123, Embassy Habitat Apartment, Vasantnagar, Bangalore-560001, Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institutions, Co-parcener of the owners, Legal representatives or any other person interested in the schedule property or opposing the sale of the schedule property to my client in any manner whatsoever shall submit written objections to the undersigned along with the supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this publication. Any objections received subsequently shall not be considered and my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the **Site No.12,** Old Khatha No.118/6/1/12, New Khatha No.2609/118/1/12, formed in **Sy.No. 6/1,** situated at Kattigehalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, **BBMP E-PID No.8844649048,** measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **30 feet,** in all **1200 Sq., ft** and bounded on: **East by : Site No.5, West by : 25 feet Road, North by : Site No.13, South by : Site No.11.**

Chandrahasa. M.R. Advocate,
No. 2, Ground Floor, 'ASVNV CENTENARY BHAVAN', K G Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. M: 9741485539

BEFORE II ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-17)
L.A.C NO. 282/2019

BETWEEN : Sri. Munikrishanappa M And others ...Claimants

And : The SLAO and another ...Respondents

NOTICE TO PROPOSED CLIAMANT NO 2(a) and 2(h)

Claimant No 2(a) Smt Manjula, D/o Late Muniyappa Aged about 63 years

2(h) Smt Hemavathi D/o Late Muniyappa Aged about 36 years Both are R/at Sri Mutturayaswamy Temple Road, Vajarahallii Thalaghattapura Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru -560109

Whereas the above reference made by Respondents before this court under section 30 and 31 of Land acquisition Act 1894 to acquire the land in Sy No.5/3 to the extent of 113.24sqmtrs situated at Thalagattapura village No.R4B-135 and 136, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, as per Government notification No. C115 SPQ 2018 dated 19/05/2018. The award amount has been deposited before the court and whereas the claimant No.2(b), 2(c), 2(f) and 2(g) have filed applications before this court to implead you as Legal heirs of claimant No.2 deceased Muniyappa in this case.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this hon'ble court personally or through your pleader on **28.04.2026,** failing which you will be placed exparte and necessary order will passed in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day of 16/2/2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address : Sri. Sunil K.N. Advocate,
Office at 138, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Near Nataraja Theatre, Sheshadripuram Bengaluru - 560020 Gmail : advocatesunilkn@gmail.com
Ph No : 7996290447

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Raja and others** has filed the above Petition for the death certificate of **LATE T DORESWAMY S/O LATE THIRUMALASWAMY was died on 14/07/2021** at Kadigenahalli, Vidyanagara Cross, Bettahalasuru Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Kamataka-562157. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 06/04/2026 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Mis.No.4/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri M. Rangegowda, Advocate

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House Rajbhavan Road,
Bengaluru-560001.

Original Application No. 38/2022
BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND: M/S ASIAN PANEL INDUSTRIES & ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993,

To, **1. M/S ASIAN PANEL INDUSTRIES,**
A Proprietary concern having office at, No. 86, I Floor, 3rd Main Road, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. Represented by its Proprietor, SRI. MOHAMMED JUNAID, S/o Sri. N. Javidulla.

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of Rs. 1,12,82,077.73 (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Eighty Two Thousand and Seventy Seven and Seventy Three Paisa Only), with respect to the Loan Accounts till the date of realization; together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal

You are directed to appear before the DRT I Bangalore on **02-03-2026** at 11:00 A.M., in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 03-01-2026

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

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SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT BANK OF INDIA
SPECIALISED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)/ASSET RECOVERY VERTICAL UNIT :
Overseas Towers, 756-L, Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 002,
Phone: 044-66636019 / 66636024, Website - www.sidbi.in

NOTICE OF SALE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 6(2)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable properties charged/ hypothecated to Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the Secured Creditor, will be sold by the Authorised Officer of (SIDBI), the Secured Creditor on "As is where is", "As is what is" and " Whatever there is" on 27.03.2026, for recovery of Rs. 2,93,42,218.26 (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Three Lakh Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen and paise Twenty Six only) as on 10/02/2026 and further interests w.e.f. 10/02/2026 and other costs and charges due to the (SIDBI), the Secured Creditor from M/s. Creative Technologies (Borrower/ Hypothecator), Shri Sunil Kumar B Bagewadi and Smt Bebi Sunil Bagewadi (Partners/Guarantors), The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are given below:

Particulars of Assets	Earnest money deposit [EMD] (in Rs.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)
The major items hypothecated are: AWEA LP 3021 Bridge Type Vertical Machining Centre : Qty - 1 No.; Supplier : M/s. AWEA Mechantronic Co. Ltd., Taiwan Place where kept for safe custody : No. 8, Sy No. 39/3, 10th Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Balajinagar, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Kariobanahalli Village, Bengaluru – 560 058. (under symbolic possession)	8,55,200/-	85,52,000/- (plus applicable GST).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (SIDBI), Secured Creditor's website i.e., www.sidbi.in

Date : 24.02.2026
Place : Chennai

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of will be sold on **08.04.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1.	**(1) M/S Cosmozone Clothing Private Limited,** No.8/1, Gandhi Layout Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560079. **(2) Sri Ragavendra N** S/o Nanjunda K **(3) Smt Shylashree K R** W/o Ragavendra N, **Both are residing at:** No.227, 15th Cross, 2nd Phase Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086.	**Rs. 10,97,10,610.84 (Rupees Ten Crores Ninety Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred Ten and Eighty Four paisa only)** plus further interest thereon from **01.02.2026** along with expenses, other charges, etc.	Industrially converted land measuring 4 acres 10 Guntas at SY No 49 Buruganahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District Bounded on the East by : Road (Bandi Road), West by : Road (Vaddagere State High Way 160)& Property of Venkatappa North by : Government halla and South by : Property of Sri Veera Kyataiah. **Owner of the Property: Smt Shylashree K R**	**08.04.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs. 792.18 EMD Rs.79.22**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. **(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **07.04.2026**, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. **(iii)** Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 23.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.
Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Bangalore Urban Virtual Branch : No. 3, Jvt Towers, 1St And 2nd Floor, 8Th A Main Road, S.R Nagar Bengaluru 560027,(KA).

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

E - AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged,possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bangalore Urban Virtual Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code. 54210000001 Bangalore Urban Virtual Branch) Subbalakshmi R (Borrower) Vedavyasa K R (Co Borrower)	09-01-2024 ₹ 49,58,273.00	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY :** All that piece nd parcel of the residentially converted land by the Assistant Commissioner vide no. ALN:SR(A)319:2004-05, Bearing Sy No. 119/3 measuring 1Acre 10 Guntas situated at S. Mrdahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore and Bounded on the **East by :** Land of Yellappa S/o Kivudappa, **West by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 119/2, **North by :** Road reaching Handenahalli Village and **South by :** Land of Thyavakanahalli Balappa. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY :** (Description of the residential FLAT) Flat bearing No. 3018 (third Floor) measuring 1205 square feet of super built up Area, along with the Undivided Share of Land Measuring 482 Square feet in the residential APARTMENT/S Known as"**MAYUR DAFFODILS"** to on the **SCHEDULE-A Property**. Bounded on the **East by :** Corridor, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No. 3019 and **South by :** Flat No. 3017.	₹ 31,33,000.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Only)	₹ 3,13,300.00 (Rupees Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **30-03-2026 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on **https://bankeauctions.com.** Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **31-03-2026 on https://bankeauctions.com at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.**
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://bankeauctions.com.** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD** through the link **https: //bankeauctions. com/registration/** signup, and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD** through the **website https://bankeauctions.com**
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, **Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594) OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26.** As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.10,000/-.**
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Place : Bangalore Urban Virtual, Date : 24.02.2026

Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Four headload workers were killed and another critically injured after a 50-metre concrete slab of a decades-old dilapidated building collapsed and fell on them in the bustling commercial hub of Valiyangadi in Kozhikode on Monday

ECO SENSE

'Rain-filled tree hollows vital for forest health'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AN international study published in Ecology Letters, ranked seventh globally, has highlighted the ecological significance of rain-filled tree hollows in forests, with key contributions from Kerala-based scientists.

The study found that water-filled tree hollows, described as "islands in the sky", support complex aquatic micro-communities of insects and larvae, linked through intricate food webs. Though small in size, these microhabitats play a vital role in nutrient cycling and energy flow within forests. Researchers observed that the survival of these communities depends not only on water quality but also on forest connectivity. Fragmentation restricts species dispersal between trees, increasing the risk of local extinction.The Western Ghats showed particularly high functional diversity, attributed to long-term climatic stability and evolutionary history.

The research team included Dr KS Anoop Das and KT Fahis from the Centre for Conservation Ecology, MES Mampad College (Autonomous), Kerala, in collaboration with scientists from the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL), ETH Zurich, SUPSI (Switzerland), and UNICAMP (Brazil).

The study was supported by a Government of India DST-SERB (now ANRF) grant awarded to Dr Anoop Das.

SIR deletes 74L in TN; total at 5.67 cr

TN CEO Archana Patnaik presents final numbers on Monday | P JAWAHAR

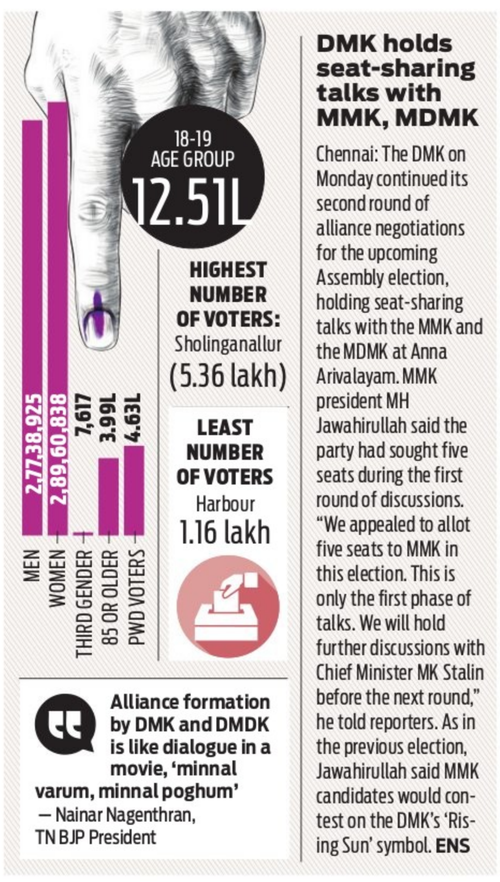
T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

THE total number of voters in Tamil Nadu stands at 5.67 crore after the conclusion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. This is around 74 lakh voters (or 11.5%), fewer than the 6.41 crore voters on the rolls before the exercise began in the state on October 27, 2025.

When the draft rolls were published on December 19, after the SIR enumeration period, 97.34 lakh names were dropped from the electoral rolls. Addressing a press conference at the state secretariat, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Archana Patnaik said after the claims and objections period for the SIR was over on January 30, 2026, 27.53 lakh voters have been added to the electoral rolls while 4.23 lakh names have been deleted. This resulted in the net addition of around 23 lakh to the 5.44 crore voters present in the draft SIR rolls.

Tamil Nadu has the highest number of deletions compared to all other states, including Bihar, that have released the final rolls. In terms of percentage, Gujarat has the highest of 13.4%, compared to Tamil Nadu's 11.5%. Gujarat saw 68.1 lakh net deletions during the SIR process. However, Tamil Nadu's neighbour Kerala saw net deletions of only around nine lakhs (3.22%) from its pre-SIR size of 2.79 crore.

After the SIR exercise was first completed in Bihar, nine states and three union territories began the exercise, of which Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal alone are yet to release the final SIR rolls.



Alliance formation by DMK and DMDK is like dialogue in a movie, 'minnal varum, minnal poghum'
— Nainar Nagenthran, TN BJP President

DMK holds seat-sharing talks with MMK, MDMK

Chennai: The DMK on Monday continued its second round of alliance negotiations for the upcoming Assembly election, holding seat-sharing talks with the MMK and the MDMK at Anna Arivalayam. MMK president MH Jawahirullah said the party had sought five seats during the first round of discussions. "We appealed to allot five seats to MMK in this election. This is only the first phase of talks. We will hold further discussions with Chief Minister MK Stalin before the next round," he told reporters. As in the previous election, Jawahirullah said MMK candidates would contest on the DMK's 'Rising Sun' symbol. ENS

TVK members felicitate party chief and actor Vijay during an administrators meeting, in Vellore district, TN, on Monday | PTI

STALIN'S REAL FRIENDS ARE BRIBE, CORRUPTION: VIJAY SLAMS DMK

Chennai: The DMK on Monday continued its second round of alliance negotiations for the upcoming Assembly election, holding seat-sharing talks with the Manithaneya Makkal Katchi (MMK) and the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) at Anna Arivalayam. MMK president MH Jawahirullah said the party had sought five seats during the first round of discussions. "We appealed to allot five seats to MMK in this election. This is only the first phase of talks. We will hold further discussions with Chief Minister MK Stalin before the next round," he told reporters. As in the previous election, Jawahirullah said MMK candidates would contest on the DMK's 'Rising Sun' symbol. ENS

Puppy's betting fraud exceeds ₹2,300cr: ED

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has filed a supplementary prosecution complaint in connection with an illegal online betting and gambling racket allegedly involving Chitradurga MLA KC Veerendra, stating that proceeds of crime exceed Rs 2,300 crore.

The central agency filed the complaint on February 20 against Pruthvi N Raj, KC Thippeswamy, Arun Nagabhushan, Abhijith Sajan, Gulshan Khattar and Fonepaisa Payment Solutions Private Limited, Puppy's Tours and Travels LLP and Logicforge Solutions Private Limited.

The ED initiated the investigation based on multiple FIRs pertaining to cheating, impersonation and extortion of the general public through illegal online betting websites, including King567, Play567, Playwin567 and Gamexch, among other associated platforms.

The probe revealed that funds were routed through multiple payment gateways, mule accounts, foreign entities and virtual digital assets, along with outward remittances.. Earlier, the ED conducted searches at over 60 locations across Karnataka and other states, leading to the seizure of large quantities of cash, gold bullion, gold and silver jewellery, vehicles, digital devices and incriminating documents. KC Veerendra was previously arrested under Section 19 of the PMLA, and a prosecution complaint was filed before the Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, on October 18, 2025.

The ED provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 177.30 crore under a Provisional Attachment Order dated January 29, 2026. With this, the total value of assets attached or seized in the case has crossed Rs 320 crore.

Bengaluru Urban accounts for 54% of K'taka's bioeconomy

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BENGALURU Urban accounts for 54% of the state's bioeconomy, Mysuru 8.7%, Belagavi and Dakshina Kannada together account for over 9%. According to the report, 218 biotech startups were added in 2025, taking the total to 1,451, with over 75% focused on life sciences and health-tech.

"It is a matter of immense pride to release the Karnataka BioEconomy Report 2025, which reflects not just our growth in numbers but the structural transformation of biotechnology in our economy. With our BioEconomy crossing $39 billion and contributing over 10% to our GSDP, biotechnology is no longer confined to laboratories; it is now a central driver of economic growth, industrial innovation and societal impact," said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

The report has been published jointly by the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) under the IT/BT Department and the Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE). Kharge, IT/BT Department Secretary Dr Manjula N and KITS Managing Director Rahul Sharanappa Sankanur formally released the report.

EXPRESS READ

Sabari ghee scam: HC junks anticipatory bail plea of 1st accused

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Monday rejected the anticipatory bail plea of the first accused in a case related to alleged irregularities in the sale of 'Adiya Sishtam Ghee', a sacred offering sold to devotees at the Lord Ayyappa shrine at Sabarimala. The anticipatory bail application filed by Santosh Kumar of Mooloor, Thiruvananthapuram, who had served as Special Officer at Sabarimala, was dismissed by Justice A Badharudeen. Earlier, a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court had directed the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) to register a case and conduct an investigation based on a report submitted by the Sabarimala Special Commissioner regarding irregularities in the sale of ghee. The VACB registered a case against 33 people, including the petitioner, who had served at the Sabarimala temple during the recently concluded pilgrimage season.ENS

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

[Under Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules]

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the **constructive possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 13.03.2026** for recovery of **Rs.7,33,14,986/- (Rupees Seven Crores Thirty Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Six Only)** as on **31.01.2026** due to the Secured Creditor from the borrowers **M/s. Marappar Textiles Private Limited** at S F No. 653/2 & 654/2, Kanjapalli Pirivu, Paduvampalli Road, Kanjapali Village, Annur, Coimbatore- 641653, represented by **(1) Mr. M. Shanmugham (Managing Director & also legal heir of Mrs. S. Philomena),** S/o Marappan, 19. Om Sakthi Nagar, Police Quarters Road, Ganapathy, Coimbatore-641006. **(2) Mrs. Philomena, Director (Deceased),** W/o Mr. M. Shanmugham and the **guarantors/mortgagors (a) Mr.S. Prithivraj (Guarantor & also legal heir of Mrs. Philomena), S/o M. Shanmugham, (b) Mrs. Deepa Prabhakar (Legal heir of Mrs. S.Philomena) D/o M. Shanmugham, (c) Divya Shanmugham (Legal heir of Mrs. S. Philomena), D/o M. Shanmugham** at 19, Om Sakthi Nagar, Police Quarters Road, Ganapathy, Coimbatore-641006. **(d) Mrs. Aishwarya Lakshmi (Guarantor),** W/o Mr. S. Prithivraj, 19, Om Sakthi Nagar, Police Quarters Road, Ganapathy, Coimbatore-641006. **(e) Mr. G. Ramesh Babu,** S/o R. A. Govindoss, 12 A, Second Street, Rajappa Nagar, Thanjavur- 613007.

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as given below against the individual scheduled property:

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :

Schedule: Property Belonging to Mr. S. Prithivraj, S/o Mr. M. Shanmugam (Property Id: IOBA15510108) The property at Flat No. B001, Ground Floor at Site No.1, 2 and 3, House List Khatha Nos 319/26, 321/30 and 321/31 CMC Khatha Nos. 1058/230, 1059/229 and 1060/231, Munnekola Village, Varthur, Hubli, Bangalore South Taluk (Aiswarya Serenity Building) with 1180 sq. ft. super built up area building. All that part and parcel of the immovable properties bearing (1) site No.1, house list Khatha No. 319/26, now CMC Khatha No.1058/230, (2) Site bearing No.2 House List Khatha No.321/30, now CMC Khatha No.1059/229, (3) Site bearing No.3 House List Khatha No.321/31, now CMC Khatha No.1060/231, situated at Munnekola Village, Varthur Hubli, Bangalore South Taluk, now assigned clubbed khatha No.229, 230, 231 and site No. 1, 2 and 3 totally measuring 27666 sq. ft. bounded on the : North by - Road, South by - Private Property, East by : Private Property
West by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.84,60,000/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakh Sixty Thousand only)
(Including Applicable TDS and baanknet Portal Charges)
EMD : Rs.8,46,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Six Thousand only)
Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

Known Encumbrance, if any : Nil, as per Bank's knowledge. Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.

Date & Time of E-Auction: 13.03.2026 (Friday), 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 PM
with auto extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed.
Portal : **https://baanknet.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.iob.in https://www.iob.in/TenderDetails.aspx/Tendertype=E_Auction] https://baanknet.com**

Place : Coimbatore
Date : 21.02.2026

AUTHORISED OFFICER
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above mentioned date.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.03.2026 from 01:00 pm to 03.00 pm . [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **16.03.2026.** (₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1.	**(1) M/s. Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Prints,** No.13, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018, **(2) Mr. Shantilal Jain** S/o Late Mr. Manmal, Flat No. 202, 1st Floor, Arham Residency, N R Colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, **Also at: Mr. Shantilal** S/o Late Manmal, # 196/25, Flat No.208, C M Complex, Sultanpet, Bangalore-560053. **(3) Mr. Kalpesh Ambani** S/o Mr. Shantilal Jain, Flat No 202, 1st Floor, Arham Residency, N R Colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. **Also At: Mr. Kalpesh Ambani** S/o Shantilal Jain, No.13, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.	**Rs. 3,61,88,714.64 (Rupees Three crore sixty one lakhs eighty eight thousand seven hundred fourteen and sixty four paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 01.02.2026 along with expenses, other charges, etc.**	**Schedule B(A) Description of entire property on which apartment is contructed :** All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No 193,194,195 & 196 latter amalgamated as property No 196/1-40 Situated at sultanpet Bangalore Measuring East to west On The northern side 63 feet, on the Southern side 69 feet and North to South 126 feet and Bounded on the : East by : Property of Magaji Narasimha sa latter dondale Gangadhara sa West by :corporation line, North by: Property of shetty Ganesha sa, South By : Sultanpet Main Road. **Scheduled B(B) Description of Property Owned By Sri Shanthilal** Residential Flat Bearing No 208 on second floor of the apartment Known as "C M COMPLEX" With a super Built area of 1070.00 sqft along with 248.86 sqft of undivided share in the site of scheduled B(A) property and bearing Khata No 196/25 PID No 28-185-196-25 Constructed on schedule B(A) Property and the flat Bounded on the ; East by :passage/ Flat No 207, West by: Corporation lane, North By: Private property, South By: Flat No 205. **Property owned by Sri Shanthilal**	**17.03.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs.103.00 Lacks EMD Rs.10.30 Lacks on or before 16.03.2026**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** **Encumbrance (s) : Not Known to the Bank**
2.	**(1) M/s Rashmi Marketing,** No 102 A, Sompura 1st stage, Industrial Area situated at Sy No Parts of 9 & 12, Bharathipura, Hobli, Sompura Taluk, Nelamangala District, Bengaluru Rural,Koratagere-572121. **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** # 15 & 16, Annapoorneshwari Industrial Area, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakalla sandra, Bangalore-560062. **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** # 134/2, 5th J Cross, Chunchaghatta Main Road, MM Clinic, Ganapathipura, J.P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** No 446/16/4, Billanakote Village, Kuluvanahalli Gram Panchayat, Nelamangala, Sompura, Bengaluru-562111. **(2) Mrs. Rashmi JM** W/o K Govindarajulu, No 48/19, 13th Main Jagruthi Colony, Puttenahalli JP Nagar VII phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560068 **Also at : Mrs Rashmi JM,** No 72/B, 3rd Main Road, Guru Raghavendra Nagar, 7th phase , JP Nagar,Bengaluru-560078. **(3) Sri R Mohan Babu,** Laxmi Nilaya,3737, Chennakeshava Temple Street, Nelamangala, Karnataka-562123.	**Rs. 1,07,60,759.90 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and Ninety paisa only) as on 01.02.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses**	**Property No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of Property present Municipal Khaneshumari No.315/287, Old Khaneshumari No: 281/276, former Khaneshumari No: 251/233, situated at Devanga Street, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East to West 30 ½ feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1220 sq ft together with the building / house constructed thereon bounded as follows: North by: Road,South by: Property of Shivanna, East by: Road,West by: Site of Karnataka Gangappa's Children.	**17.03.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs. 127.50 Lakhs EMD Rs.12.75 Lakhs**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** **Encumbrance (s) : Not Known to the Bank**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **16.03.2026** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email.
i. Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii. Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii. Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/-.The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.
h. For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.
For further details contact Authorised Officer, **Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- Ph. No. 9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181 e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back–up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 23.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ- 561203

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/ಭೂಪ/572/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23/02/2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ತೊಗಟ ವೀರ ಕ್ಷತ್ರಿಯ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳಿ (ರಿ) ಇವರು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ 'Agriculture [Educational institutions (School/College)]' ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಪರಿವರ್ತನೆಗೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ವಯ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ನೀಡಲು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ Master plan request ID ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 826991 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28–01–2026 ರಂತೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ರವರು ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಅಇ 175 ಬಿಎಂಆರ್ 2015 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–02–2016 ರಂತೆ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ವಲಯ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳ ಅನುಸಾರ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ "Educational institutions" ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)	ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾದ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಲು ಕೋರಿರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ತೊಗಟ ವೀರ ಕ್ಷತ್ರಿಯ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳಿ (ರಿ)	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ತೂಬಗೆರೆ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ತಿರುಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ	184/4	1–04	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	Educational institutions

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಹದಿನೈದು ದಿನದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ ನಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/–ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public on this the 24th of February, 2026 that my clients; **Janardhana.S.R and Vijay Bafna** are intending to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners. If any person/s have any grievance in relation to the said intended transaction or have any interest over the schedule immovable property, they may indicate the same in writing along with copies of all supporting documents within one week from today to the address indicated hereinbelow. If no such objections are received from anyone within one week from today, it would be deemed that there are no objections from anybody in relation to the intended transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.164/1 measuring 38 Guntas along with 2 Guntas Kharab situated at Byrashettahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded on; East by : Land in Sy.No.164/2 of same Village, West by : Land in Sy.No.14/7 of same Village, North by : Government Defence Land, South by : Road

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bengaluru Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-01, Phone: 080-22133370

No. 60/2025-26 Date: 23.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, **No.2 North Sub-Division** under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification are Published for **01 work (Rs.184.00Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **on or before 4.00 P.M. on: 02.03.2026 (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal on: **03.03.2026 at 4.30 P.M.** or further date and time will be intimated. For more details contact this office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DD-C.P/5820/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients Sri. Soham Acharya and Smt. Aditi Gupta, residents of Ozone Residenza, Harlur Main Road, Bengaluru, have entered into an Agreement for Sale dated 19.02.2025 with Sri. Suryanarayana Murthy Mantha, Sri. Kabir Venkatasatya Mantha and Smt. Manjiri Satya Mantha for purchase of Survey no.28/1/1/25, Apartment No.25, RESIDENZA Apartment, BBMP Khata No.28/11/25, Harlur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, along with undivided share of land and car parking spaces, more fully described in the Agreement for Sale.

Any person having claim, right, title, interest, lien, charge, mortgage or objection over the said property shall notify the undersigned with documentary proof within 7 days from publication of this notice, failing which the transaction shall be completed treating the title as clear.

Sd/-Advocate for Purchasers
Dilip Kumar Gowda for HSB Associates
Mob: 9620072007, +91 80950 25318
Place: Bengaluru Date: 23-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public on this the 24th of February, 2026 that my clients; **Narendra Jain and Narendra Kumar Jain** are intending to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners. If any person/s have any grievance in relation to the said intended transaction or have any interest over the schedule immovable property, they may indicate the same in writing along with copies of all supporting documents within one week from today to the address indicated hereinbelow. If no such objections are received from anyone within one week from today, it would be deemed that there are no objections from anybody in relation to the intended transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural **land bearing Sy.No.164/2 measuring 38 Guntas along with 2 Guntas Kharab situated at Byrashettahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded on East by : Land in Sy.No.16 of same Village, West by : Land in Sy.No.164/1 of same Village, North by : Government Defence Land, South by : Road

S. HEMANTH BHARADWAJ, Advocate
M/s. LEGAL CARE INC.
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EMAIL ID : corporate@gichf.com **Website :** www.gichfindia.com
BENGALURU-HUB : Leo Shopping Complex, 6th Floor, #44 & 45, Residency Road Cross, Bengaluru-560025.
Authorised Officer Name : G. Rajasekar : 9894601538 / 9740254699 / 8431115188

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION DATE : 16-03-2026 / Last Date for Bid Submission : 14-03-2026.

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of GIC Housing Finance Ltd. (GICHFL), under Securitization & Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Secusrity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrower/Mortgagor having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Sr. No.	File No / Name Of Borrower / Co-Borrower / Branch Name	Property Address & Area Of Property Details(Built Up)	Demand notice issued date	Date of Physical Possession	Total Outstanding as on 16.02.2026 (Incl.POS, Interest and Other charges) (In Rupees)	Reserve Price (In Rupees)
1	**KA0020610004035 / Mr. R. Subramani S/O Mr.ramalingappa/ Mr. M. Sunil S/O Mr. Mani / Bangalore Branch**	Western Portion Of Site No.20, Property No.57/1 Situated At Pillahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East To West 30 Feet And Northt To South 20 Feet, Totally Measuring 600 Sq.ft., And Property Bounded On East By-Remaining Eastern Portion Of Same Site, West By-Road, North By-Site No.19 And South By-Road.	02.08.2021	09.08.2023	2117777/-	900000/-
2	**KA0020610004111 / Mr. U. Srinivasan S/O Mr. Vadivelu Umapathy / Mrs. U. Chandra W/O Umapathy. V / Bangalore Branch**	Flat No.4, 1st Floor, 'B' Block, "Royal Enclave" Phase-V Apartment, With A Super Built Up Area Of 850sq.ft., And Undivided Share Of Land (UDS) 333.33sq.ft., Site No.19, Sy No's.22/1D & 22/1g, Khatha No.1391 Situated At Sidedahalli Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560073 And Bounded On East By: Stair Case & Flat No.3, West By: Open To Sky, North By: Corridor & Open To Sky And South By: Open To Sky.	09.11.2022	15.07.2024	2272620/-	2688975/-
3	**KA0020610002925 / Mr. Hari Kumar Vinod Kumar S/O Mr. Dwarakan Naidu Harikumar / Mrs. Venkatesh Suma D/O Mr. Venkatesh / Bangalore Branch**	Flat No. B -8, 2nd Floor, 'B' Block', "Adarsha Enclave Phase-II" Apartment, With A Super Built Up Area Of 800 Sq.ft., And Uds Of 299.72 Sq.ft., Site No's.14 And 15, Khatha No.293 & 294, Sy No.22/1d & 22/1g, Situated At 3rd Cross, Bagalagunte, Sidedahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore: 560073 And Flat Bounded On East By: Open To Sky, West By: Common Passage & Flat No. B-9, North By: Flat No. B-7 And South By: Open To Sky.	08.01.2019	09.08.2023	4283442/-	2482920/-
4	**KA0670600000596 / Mr. Ravi Kumar Katta S/O Mr. Nasaraiah Katta / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No. T-2, Third Floor, "SPS-Elite" Apartment, Measuring With A Super Built Up Area Of 985sq. ft., & UDS 246 Sq.ft., Hl No.72, Bbmp Khatha No.1044/72, Sy No.33/1 Situated At Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560061 And Flat Bounded On East By : Flat No.T-1, West By : Open To Sky, North By : Open To Sky And South By : Open To Sky.	11.07.2019	15.12.2022	10798909/-	4165875/-
5	**KA0670600000623 / Mr. Phanindra Reddy Yadas S/O Mr. Pratap Reddy Yadas / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No. F-2, First Floor, "SPS-Elite" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 985sq.ft., And UDS Of 246 Sq.ft., Hl No.72, BBMP Khatha No.1044/72, Sy No.33/1 Situated At Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560061 And Flat Bounded On East By : Flat No.1, West By : Open To Sky, North By : Open To Sky And South By : Open To Sky.	11.07.2019	09.12.2022	10276498/-	4165875/-
6	**KA0670600000388 / Mr. R. Prabhakaran S/O Mr. Ramanathan / Mrs. Mala D/O Mr. Mani Muthu / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No. G-7, Ground Floor, "Smilee Nest" Apartment, 2BHK, Measuring Super Built-Up Area Of 1140 Sq.ft., And Uds Of 360 Sq.ft., Site No's. 3, 10 & 11, Sy No.43/2 Situated At Dasarahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560024 And Flat Bounded On East By: Open To Sky, West By: Flat No. G-6, North By: Open To Sky And South By: Flat No. G-8.	11.07.2019	20.09.202	12079016/-	4059200/-
7	**KA0670600001124 / Mrs. Neha Sahi D/O Mr. Pramod Kumar Sahi / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No.401, 3rd Floor, "Wings-IV" Apartment Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1020sq.ft., And UDS Of 280 Sq.ft., Site No.2, BBMP KH No.6/7/30/2/4, Sy No.30/2 Situated At Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560078 And Flat Is Bounded On East By – Open To Sky, West By – Flat No.402, North By – Open To Sky And South By – Open To Sky.	14.11.2022	15.11.2024	6949553/-	4408200/-
8	**KA0670600000969 / Mr. K. Anjinayulu S/O Mr. Gangiseti / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No.503, 4th Floor, "Rag Metropole" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1064 Sq.ft., & UDS Of 213 Sq.ft., Sie No.2, Sy No.23/2a, Ward No.196, Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560108 And Flat Is Bounded On East By – Corridor And Flat No.502, West By – Corridor And Flat No.504, North By – Corridor And South By – Open To Sky.	14.11.2022	24.03.2025	3573156/-	3447360/-
9	**KA0670600000625 / Ms. Mavidipalle Jahnavi D/O Mr. Jayarama Naidu Mavidipalle / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No.504, 5th Floor 'A' Block "Slv Green" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1240 Sq.ft., And UDS Of 383 Sq.ft., BBMP Khatha No.1101, Sy No's.68/5, 68/6 & 68/7, Belathur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560067 And Flat Is Bounded On East By – Flat No.505, West By – Open To Sky, North By – Flat No.503 And South By – Open To Sky.	18.07.2023	08.11.2024	6348847/-	4617450/-
10	**KA0670600000804 / Mr. Ajmal Pasha S/O Mr. Saleem Pasha / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No. G-05, Ground Floor, "Sri Tirumala's Tranquil Residency" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1080 Sq.ft., & UDS Of 500 Sq.ft., Sy No's.3/1 & 3/4 Situated At Narayanaghatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Is Bounded On East By – Duct & Flat No. G-06, West By – Open To Sky, North By – Staircase & Flat No.g-04 And South By – Open To Sky.	30.01.2020	05.12.2024	4943352/-	3632400/-
11	**KA0670600001195 / Mr. R Prasanna Kumar S/O Mr. Bhimachar Raju / Electronic City Branch**	Flat No.308, 3rd Floor, "Omega Aster" Apartment, Measuring A Super Built Up Area Of 1000 Sq.ft., And UDS Of 374 Sq.ft., Sy No.88, Present Bbmp 59/88/1, BBMP Khatha No.59/88, Situated At Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Bounded On East By-Flat No.305, West By-Remaining Property In The Same Sy No. Belongs To Mr. S. Raja And Others, North By-Flat No.309 And South By- Flat No.307.	26.10.2021	12.08.2024	8042363/-	3825000/-
12	**KA0590600000690 / Mr. Hegde Prasad S/O Mr. Sheshagiri Hegde / Yelahanka Branch**	Flat No.401, 4th Floor, "Green View" Apartment, 2BHK, With A Super Built Up Area Of 1009 Sq.ft., And Undivided Share Of Land (UDS) 202 Sq.ft., Site No's.420/490, 421/491, 422/492, 423/493 & 424/494, Sy No.135, Situated At 2nd Cross, Shree Ananth Nagar Phase-II, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100 And Flat Bounded On East By: Open To Sky, West By: Flat No.402, North By: Open To Sky And South By: Open To Sky.	28.09.2022	01.08.2024	5937764/-	3408210/-
13	**KA0590600000839 / Mrs. R. Puneetha D/O Mr. Sanjeevappa Ramaiah / Yelahanka Branch**	#48, Akkupete Cmc Khaneshumari Old Khatha No.320/319/3853/48, New Khatha No.327/320/319/3853/48, 1st Division, Ward No.23, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562110. Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 20 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 600 Square Feet And Property Bounded On East By: Site No.43, West By: Road, North By: Site No.47 And South By: Site No.49.	30.07.2021	09.07.2024	2628775/-	2870640/-
14	**KA0590600000816 / Mr. Smeek Dutta S/O Mr. Prem Kumar Dutta / Yelahanka Branch**	Flat No.405, 4th Floor, "Paramount 'A' " Apartment, 2bhk, With A Super Built-Up Area Of 982 Sq.ft., UDS Of 197 Sq.ft., 2bhk, Site No's. 17, 18, 26, 27, 19 & 20, Sy No.22/1 Situated At Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore-560100 And Flat Bounded On East By-Flat No.406, West By- Flat No.404, North By-Open To Sky And South By- Opent To Sky.	30.07.2021	23.06.2022	7500882/-	2999250/-
15	**KA0590600000830 / Mr. S. Babu S/O Mr. Shekhar / Yelahanka Branch**	Flat No.102, 1st Floor, "PJC Prince" Apartment, 2 Bhk, With A Super Built Up Area Of 1067 Sq.ft., And UDS Of 255 Sq.ft., Site No.1218/B, Block A, Ward No.191, AECS Layout, Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District -560068 And Flat Is Bounded On East By – Open To Sky, West By – Flat No.101, North By – Passage & South By – Open To Sky.	18.07.2023	15.11.2024	5341164/-	4414478/-

DATE OF E-AUCTION & TIME : 16-03-2026 at the Web-Portal (www.auctionbazaar.com) from 3.00 PM TO 04:00 PM. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each. Last date of submission of Tender/Sealed Bid in the prescribed tender form along with EMD & KYC either through online mode or at the above mentioned GICHFL Office at 14-03-2026 before 5.00 PM.

Further to this **PUBLIC NOTICE** for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) GICHFL invites **OFFERS EITHER** in sealed cover/s or in Online mode to purchase the said properties on "**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. **E-Auction** is being held on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis',** and will be conducted **"Online".** The E-Auction will be conducted through GICHFL approved Eauction service provider **"ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED"**
2. **The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.auctionbazaar.com/ and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED, 6-3-1090/1/1, II Floor, Part B, Uma Hyderabad House,, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad – 500082, Telangana. Office Landline No. 8370969696 Backend Team : Ms. M. Kiranmai – Mobile: 799704399 Email ID : contact@auctionbazaar.com / support@auctionbazaar.com, Property Enquiries Contact : G. RAJASEKAR : 9894601538 / 9740254699 / 8431115188**
3. The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/website also subject to conditions in the offer/ bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.
4. Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction.
5. **Once Intending Bidder** formally registers as a qualified tenderer before authorized officer of GICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting document. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider.
6. The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the reserve price mentioned above.
7. Intending bidders are required to deposit Earnest Money Deposit/s (EMD) @ 10% of the abovesaid respective reserve prices, by way of DD/RTGS/NEFT favouring GIC Housing Finance Ltd. Bank details are as follows: **Bank Name: UNION BANK OF INDIA, A/c No: 005111010000039 - A/c Name: GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD AUCTION A/C, Branch Name : LCB, FORT Address : UBI, 239 BACKBAY RECLAMATIO NARIMAN POINT MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA PINCODE 400021. IFSC Code - UBIN0800511.**
8. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest.
9. The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted either "online" through the portal **www.auctionbazaar.com/** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & address proof, to the service provider or through submitting sealed cover comprising bid form, EMD and KYC documents and it should reach the respective branch offices of GIC Housing Finance Ltd., mentioned above on or before EMD Submission due date.
10. That, after opening the tenders, the intending bidders who have submitted their bids for not less than the reserve price will be given an opportunity at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer to increase the bidding amount.
11. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
12. Bidders are bound by the principle of "caveat emptor" (Buyer Beware) and advised to conduct their own due diligence to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity and maintenance dues etc., of the firm or Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties other than the sale price...
13. The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name.
14.. The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire /sale price.
15. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the EAuction Sale.
16. Inspection of the above said properties can be given on request and as per convenience of Authorized Officer.
17. The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
18. GICHFL is not responsible for any liability whatsoever pending upon the properties as mentioned above. The property shall be auctioned on **"As is where is", "As is what is", Whatever there is" and without any recourse basis.**
19. In case the borrowers'/mortgagor approaches GICHFL before confirmation of sale, offering contractual dues + expenses + interest @ 15 % from date of proclamation of sale + 5% of the purchase money (in case after sale which is to be paid to successful bidder) and requests for cancellation of the sale, GICHFL shall accept the amount and hand over the possession to mortgagor
20. The highest bidder has to pay 25% (inclusive of earnest money deposited) of the bid amount in terms of the sale notice immediately and the balance 75% of the bid amount is payable in 15 days or such other extended period as agreed upon between the parties (AO and the successful bidder). However, Authorized Office is to be confirmed sale certificate after expiry of 30 days from the date of sale and in no case the sale is to be confirmed before expiry of 30 days from the date of sale. Only after receipt of full payment, sale to be confirmed and the sale certificate to be issued.
21. **Minimum Bid increment value is Rs.10,000/-**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

For detailed terms and Conditions of the sale and full description of the properties please refer to the website of approved e-auction service provider ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED and website www.auctionbazaar.com

For GIC Housing Finance Ltd.
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Date : 24.02.2026
Place : BANGALORE / ELECTRONIC CITY / YELAHANKA

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ತನ್ನ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಲೋಇ/40/ಇಎಪಿ/2026 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.02.2026 ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.02.2026 ರಂತೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 95 ಮತ್ತು 168 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 02 (ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆಯಿಂದ ಮಾಲೂರುವರೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಲೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲಿವೇಟೆಡ್ ಕಾರಿಡಾರ್ ಸೇರಿ ಮಾಲೂರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ) ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವಂತಹ ವಿವಿಧ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1964ರ ಕಲಂ 15ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2026 ರಂದು ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾದಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಗಾಗುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ತಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುಬಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.02.2026 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.04.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.03.2026ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.04.2026 ಎಂದು ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ವಿಶೇಷ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಭೂಸ್ವಾ),
ಯೋ.ಅ.ಘ., ಕ.ರಾ.ಹೆ.ಅ.ಯೋ.
ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/5821/ಆಕಾರ್/2025–26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Batawadi Branch (07962)
SLN Tower, B H Road, Tumakuru.
E-mail: sbi.07962@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

U/s 13(2) of Sarfaesi Act 2002

To

1. **Smt Noor Ayesha**
C/o Sri Burhan Khan
No. 696, Abidpur Mohalla
Daira, Channapatna Ramanagar District 562160.
2. **Smt Azeez Banu**
C/o Sri Burhan Khan
No. 696 B Abidpur Mohalla
Daira, Channapatna, Ramanagar, Karnataka 562160.

Dear Sir,

In respect of loans availed by you (No.1&2) from **Batawadi Branch, Tumakuru,** which have become **NPA on 05.02.2026** with a balance outstanding of **Rs. 2,04,29,348-00** (Rupees Two crore four lakh twenty nine thousand three hundred forty eight only) as on 07.02.2026 and interest from 08.02.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental charges, costs, Recovery / Enforcement Agents charges, etc. We have already issued a detailed DEMAND NOTICE dated **09.02.2026** Under sec 13(2) of securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 by registered Post with acknowledgement due to you has been returned undelivered with following remarks "Not claimed by the Addressee".

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of below mentioned securities owned by you as per Sec 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE 'C'

PART I

Movable assets/Machinery/Bills/Book Debts

NIL

PART II

Immovable Properties (Registered Mortgage)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that Piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing New Municipal No. 67, Portion of converted land bearing Sy. No. 67, vide duly order No. B Dis.ALN.SR (S) 208/89-90 dated 18.12.1991, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru now within the limits of BBMP Ward name Rajarajeshwarinagar and Ward No. 160 and having BBMP Khatha No. 7405/67/16, New No. E PID No. 9886770880 measuring East to West 40 feet X North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq feet together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath above the surface situated at HALAGEVADERAHALLI VILLAGE, Kengari Hobli, Bengaluru District and bounded on the: East by : Property bearing Sy. No. 66/1, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 15, South by : Site No. 17.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

490.00 Sq feet undivided share, right, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. GF1 Ground floor, containing Duplex Three Bedroom Flat having Super Built up Area of 2200 Sq feet which includes proportionate share in common area and other areas used in common by all the Apartment Owners in "MSR N SQUARE" along with exclusive rights to use One Top Covered Parking Space bearing GF1, in the **"MSR N SQUARE"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property and the **Apartment is bounded by:** East by : Other Property, West by : Road, North by : Common Passage, South by : Others property.

Sale Deed Document No. ANK -1-01732-2025-26 in Book No. 1 dated 04.06.2025 in the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Anekal, Bengaluru.

You are advised **(1)** to collect the original notice / cover addressed to you and returned by postal Authorities from the undersigned Branch, for more and complete details and **(2)** to pay the balance outstanding with interest and costs etc, within 60 days from the date of this News paper Publication (Notice) referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

Date : 09.02.2026 Sd/- **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place : Tumakuru **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the Schedule property from the owner (01) **N.Sunil,** aged about 44 years, S/o N.Nandishappa, residing at Singahalli Village, Jala Hobli Yelahanka Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru -562129.

Apart from the said owners if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim or charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to this sale transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the document on which they are basing their claim, with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s filed thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are not claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that pieces and parcel of the property bearing Survey number 74/4 measuring to an extent of 0-10 (Ten) guntas situated at Singahalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and bounded on the: East By: Sy No.75 Ramanna's Land, West By: Sy No.73 Pujari Gangappa and Muniyappa Lands, North By: Sy No.74/3 Ramaihs Land, South By: pSy No.74/5 Narayanappa Property.

Mohumed Sadiqh B.A
KV Legal
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No.FF47, 1st Floor, Gold Tower, No.50, Residency Road, Bangalore 560 025.
sadiq@kvlegal.com
Mob: 9448557169, 9482083786
Bangalore Dated: 24.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase all that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.6, craved out of converted land bearing Survey No.70, BBMP Katha No.2876/356/Sy70 (converted for non-agricultural residential use as per conversion order bearing No.BDS.ALN(E)SR.74/2003-04 dated 15.09.2003 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) situated at Doddanekkundi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk (earlier known as Bengaluru South Taluk) Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 70 feet totally measuring 2100 Square feet now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the :**East by :** Site No.7 and 8; **West by:** Site No.5; **North by:**Residential apartment; **South by :** Road;

From its owner that my client intends to Purchase Schedule Property mentioned in the enclosed Notice from Mr.D Jagan Mohan Rao S/o Late Doddapaneni Sreenivasulu and Ramesh Babu Settypalli S/o Sri.Thirupalun Settypalli, Persons/Financial Institutions/Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 10 days** from this date of publication to the undersigned.

R. Santhosh Kumar Associates,
Advocates, Flat No.406, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road,C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.
Mobile No. 08041718108 /9449619769

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE

O.S. No. 8239/2022

BETWEEN : 1. Smt. Marakka, D/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 74 years, **2. Smt. Lakshmamma,** D/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 71 years, **3. Smt. Tulasamma,** D/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 69 years, **4. Sri. Kenchaiah,** S/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 67 years, **5. Sri. Narayanaiah,** S/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 65 years, **6. Smt. Jayamma,** W/o Late Hanumantaiah, S/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 63 years, **7. Sri Narasimha Murthy,** S/o Late Mara Hanumaiah, Aged about 61 years, Plaintiffs No. 1 to 7 are Children of Late Mara Hanumaiah, All are residing at No.311, Ground Floor, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 5th Main Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560079. **...Plaintiffs**

AND : Sri. M. Kumbaiah, And others **...Defendants**

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 5 U/o 5 RULE 20 OF CPC

Sri. Nithan Pobbathi Venkatesh,
S/o P.S. Venkatesh, Aged about 37 years, R/at No.53 (Old No. 1110), Ram Mandir Road, NR Extension, Chintamani, Chikkaballaprua District. **...Defendant No. 5**

Whereas the plaintiffs have filed the above suit against the defendants for partition and separate possession and other consequential reliefs in respect of schedule property mentioned in the schedule. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court, either in persons or through the pleaders **on the 11th day of March 2026 at 11.00 AM** to answer the same, failing which the matter will be heard and decide Exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. 1 : All the piece and parcel of residential site bearing No. 1916, J.P. Nagara, 8th Phase, 2nd Block, Puttenahalli Layout, formed by the BD East to West 12.19 mts, North to South 18.29 mts, in all to 222.95 Sq.Mts bounded by East by: Site No. 1915, West by: No.1917, North by: Road and South by: 1933.

ITEM No. 2 : All the piece and parcel of the agricultural land situated at Machanahalli Village bearing Sy.No. 24/4 to extent of 28 guntas, Hudugeri Hobli, Tumkur Taluk bounded by:- East by: Land belonging to Lakshmikantaiah Sy.No. 23, West by: Lands belongs to Eranna, North by: Another portion of land belongs to Lakshmikantaiah Sy.No. 23 and South by: Land belongs to Lashmikantaiah Sy.No. 23.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble court, this 23rd day of February 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
Tamilvanan, Advocate
No. 751, 60th Cross, 2nd Floor, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from its owner **Sri. Srinivasa Murthy** S/o late C. Muniyappa R/a No. 999, Inspector Ramanna Road, New Street, Behind Gnana ganga High School, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560 064. Any person/s has/have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim over the Schedule Property is/ are hereby requested to file his/her/their objections to this transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the documents on which such claim is being made with the undersigned, within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, our client shall proceed with the above-mentioned purchase transaction deeming that, apart from the aforesaid owner no one else have any manner of right or claim or interest in or over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential site No. 7, measuring East to West 35 ft and North to South 40 ft, totally measuring 1400 Square Feet, situated at Yelahanka Amanikere Limits, Maruthinagar, Assessment Khatha No. 670/21/1/7, Yelahanka BBMP Ward No.1, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on;

East by : Road;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Remaining Property;
South by : Remaining Property.

SURESHA .N.V.
SR LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Legal Consultants
T-1, Bharath Residency No.10, MM. Gardens, Koramangala, 6th Block, Near 80 Ft. Road, Bangalore-560 095.
Mobile: 99801 98876

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, that My client **Mrs. Shilpa Halasiddaiah Indudhara,** aged about 47 years wife of Vinod V Mathapati, residing at No.216, 8th Main, 2nd Cross, 1st East Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560011, is absolute owner of the **property bearing Site No.216,** Byrasandra Layout, Jayanagara 1st Block and presently having **property E-PID No.6699656362** and property No.216 in the records of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring **East to West 40ft., and North to South 60ft., in all measuring 2400Sq.ft.,** along with building constructed thereon further state that, recently they have noticed Possession Certificate dated 23.01.1975, has been Miss-Placed or lost the original document while traveling near Jayanagara and a police complaint has been lodged to that effect.

It is requested to the general public that if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this publication and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/ Misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any Manner for any such transactions.

SHRUTHI.R.J, Advocate
Office at No.61/B, First Floor,
10th Main Road, Near Karigiri Refreshments
4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010,
Mobile:- 9620988784

IN THE COURT OF LXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH 70) AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 4373/2023

BETWEEN:
State Bank of India, At : RACPC, Basavanagudi Branch, Bengaluru - 560 004, Represented by Chief Manager: Sri P. H. Krishna Kishore **...Plaintiff.**
And:
Mohan G ....Defendant

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Mohan G., S/o. Narahari Rao, Aged about 54 years, No. 58, 4th Main, Chenna manakere Achukattu, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.

...Defendants

Whereas, the Plaintiff herein has instituted a case seeking for the relief of recovery money, sum of **Rs.5,65,626/-** as on 17.01.2023 together with court cost and future normal interest at the rate of 12% per annum compounded monthly from the 18.01.2023 till its realization against you before this Hon'ble court.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the City Civil Court (Hall - 70) at Bengaluru, in person or through a pleader on the **18th day of March 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, failing which the case will be disposed as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court This day of **17.01.2026.**

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Pramod Kumar B. S.
Advocate for Plaintiff
Nandish Patil & Praveen Patel
Advocates, No. 595, 52nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Near Ram Mandir, Bengaluru - 560 010,
nandispatillawchembers@gmail.com

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY / e-Tender Notice

Tender No : KWA/HO/SP-07/2025-26/EoI-1(Air Blower)

INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE EMPANELMENT OF MANUFACTURERS OF AIR BLOWERS (EOI-1), IN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT OF KERALA WATER AUTHORITY EMD : Rs. 5000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 2500/-. Last Date for submitting Tender : 12-03-2026 03:00:pm, Phone : 8547638078. **Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in,www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Chief Engineer(HRD&GI.),
Jalabhavan, Thiruvananthapuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-734-2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, Special Buildings Division-I, Public Works Department, Puducherry invites on behalf of the President of India, online bids for the following work(s):

Tender No. **52/SBD1/2025-26, Dt: 23/02/2026.** Name of Work : **Construction of new Primary Health Centre at Bahour in Puducherry.** Estimated Cost ₹**7,73,59,559/-.** (inclusive of GST) **EMD : ₹15,47,191/-,** Period of Completion : **15 (Fifteen) months** (including Monsoon Period).

e-Tender processing fee: ₹**1500/- +** GST@ 5%. Last date and time for submission of bid is **09/03/2026 - 4.00 P.M.** The date of tender opening **10/03/2026 - 10.30 A.M.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in**

No.850/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank

ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ Syndicate

(ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟದೆ)

BRANCH: ULSOOR
CAMBRIDGE LAYOUT,
BANGALORE PIN-560008

GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Whereas the authorized officer of **CANARA BANK, ULSOOR Branch** issued Sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by them. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned will conduct auction of the gold ornaments strictly on **"As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis".** The auction will be conducted ONLINE **www.gerpegov.com/canarabank** on **10.03.2026, Timeings 10.30 A.M to 3.00 P.M.**

Name of the Borrower & Branch	Account Number	Gross weight (in gms)	Net weight (in gms)	Date of Inspection & EMD	A/C Status
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	164032860511	30.20	26.50	09–03–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	164033171590	32.90	27.00	09–03–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	180227345564	22.60	19.00	09–03–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND

Please contact/visit Branch for further information Ph No.8025555990, 9483530791.

Date : 24-02-2026
Place : Ulsoor

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

Ulsoor Road Branch
No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange, Bengaluru-560042,
Email: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.08.2025** calling upon the **(1) Borrower: Ramraju D, (2) Guarantor: Usha R, Both are residing at** No. 19/5, New Binnamangala, Old Madras Road, Bangalore - 38, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.14,56,523/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only)** as on **05.08.2025** with interest and other applicable charges from time to time as per the agreement 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of said on this **21st day of February 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch** for an amount of **Rs.14,56,523/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only)** as on **05.08.2025** with interest and other applicable charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property:

Land and Building - Residential belonging to Ramaraju D (Owner of the Property), situated at NP 19/5, New Binnamangala, Old Madras Road, Bangalore 560038 and bounded by: Easy by: Lakammas Property, West by: Road, North by: 100 feet road, South by: Doddamarappa Property.

Date: 21.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Batawadi Branch (07962)
SLN Tower, B H Road, Tumakuru.
E-mail: sbi.07962@sbi.co.in

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Dear Sir,

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We have indicated our intention of taking possession of below mentioned securities owned by you as per Sec 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE 'C'
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SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

220.00 Sq feet undivided share, right, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property

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Sale Deed Document No. RRN -1-09512-2024-25 in Book No. 1 dated 12.02.2025 in the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Jayanagar (Rajarajeshwarinagar), Bengaluru.

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Date : 09.02.2026
Place : Tumakuru

Sd/- **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
STATE BANK OF INDIA

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THEODORE ROOSEVELTCHURCHILL

GOVT. OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR

Email: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com

eProcurement Notice for Road & Bridge Works

Bid Identification No. NCB-42/RWCKJR/2025-26

25001/226/2526 **No.820 / Date: 17/02/2026**

1. Name of the work :- Construction of 16 nos. roads under MMSY-TRIP and 01 no. bridge under SBY in the in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2025-26.
2. No. of work :- 17 (Seventeen) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost :- As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) :- As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion :- As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date &Time of Opening of Tender in O/o C.C.E., R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Fiancial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	**NCB -42/ RWCKJR/ 2025-26**	**Dt.24.02.26 at 11.00 A.M**	**Dt.10.03.26 up to 5.00 P.M**	**Dt.09.03.26 up to 5.00 P.M**	**Dt.11.03.26 at 11.00 A.M**	**Will be intimated later**

• Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in

OIPR-25001/25177/1/25-26/0036

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Keonjhar

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD

(A Gold Category State PSU)
Registered Office: OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751 001
CIN:- U13100OR1956SGC000313

OMC ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD. Mining Happiness

30001/15/2526 **NIT No.08/OMC/CIVIL/2026**

Tender for the following work is invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha.

Sl. No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (In lakh)	Time period of the work (in month)	Class of Contractor	EMD online (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid document (Rs.)
1	Repair of 1580 meter at NH Service Road near Guali Mines in the district of Keonjhar. (Under CSR Scheme.)	717.06	09 (Nine)	'A' & 'Special'	7,17,100/-	10,000/- +18% GST

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from dt.24.02.2026 to 11.03.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
2. Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is dt.11.03.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is dt.12.03.2026 at 11.00 AM.

All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

OIPR- 30001/30005/1/25-26/0011 **Sd/- GM (Civil)**

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HFL LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them. The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	MRS. SADHANA SHREE Loan A/c No. 410600005167	10/02/2026	Rs. 7,677,491.49	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property converted land vide orders of conversion bearing Nos. (B.Dis.ALN (A)/SR/366/2004/2005 Dated. 28/01/2005, (b) B. Dis ALN (A)SR/365/2004-05 dated. 28/01/2005 and (c) B.Dis ALN (A)/(K & A) SR.184/2005-06, bearing Sy No.6/1 measuring an extent of 1 Acre 11 Guntas in the converted land portion of P. Krishnappam, the LAND OWNER No.1 an extent of 1 Acre 4 ½ Guntas in the converted land portion of P. Krishnappa, the LAND OWNER No.4 and an extent of 1 Acre 3 ½ Guntasin the converted land portion of P. Ananda Murthy, the LAND OWNER No. 7 respectively and in all 3 Acres 19 Guntas which conjoint together situated at Kammasandra village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban District and bounded on the: East by : Govt. Halla, West by: Ananthanagar Layout, North by: Ananthanagar Layout & remaining portion of Sy No.6/1 belonging to Lakshmana, South by : Remaining portion of Sy No.6/1 and 60 Road, SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : A Two Bedroom Flat bearing Flat No. E-107, on the 1 st Floor of E-block of the building known as "AAKRUTI AMITY" constructed in the schedule-A property with a super built-up area of 1140 square feet with an terrace area of 900 square feet adjacent to the flat, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified tile flooring, steel windows etc, together with one specified covered car parking in the basement/ground floor and bounded on the: East by : Corridor & lift, West by: Open space, North by: Flat No.E-103, South by : Block-D.
2.	MR. AMBATI DURGARAM PRASAD MRS. AMBATI SATYA SWATHI Loan A/c No.4001200000815	10/02/2026	Rs. 1,937,148.61	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of vacant converted residential land in Sy No.179, 182, 183, 185, 187, 188, 190, 191, 192, 193,194, 195, and 196 all total measuring 13 acres 21 guntas, the lay out called as Sai. Anugraha enclave, wherein approval has been accorded by the BMRDA. Vide its sanction letter bearing No Lao 56/2008-09 dated 28/01/2009, is situated at Thattnahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on : East by : Anekal Attibele Road, West by: private property, North by: Road, South by : Site No.103. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of vacant residential site bearing No.102 Katha No.139, measuring East to west and North to south 40 feet totally measuring 2200 sq ft, formed in converted land in Sy No.192 as per orders dated 15/09/2008 passed by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, vide order No ALN (A) (K) SR44/2008-09, wherein an approval has been accorded by the BMRDA vide its sanction letter bearing No LAO 56/ 2008-09 dated 28/01/2009, is situated at Thattanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural district and bounded on : East by : Site No 101, West by: Private property, North by: Road, South by : Site No 103,
3.	MRS. ELAYACHANEDOM PADMAJA Loan A/c No. 410600007036	10/02/2026	Rs. 7,205,426.66	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing New BBMP katha NO.805, situated at Kowdwnahalli, Ramamurthy nagar, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore Eat taluk, Now comes under the limits of BBMP, previously under the limits of CMC Krishnarajapura, Bangalore measuring East to West 40m feet and North to South 15 feet in all measuring 600 sq ft, along with 450 sq ft, of residential building. The roof of the building RCC and mosaic flooring, constructed with brick and cement with honne wood doors and windows with facilities of electricity water and sanction and bounded on the: East by : 20 feet Road, West by: Church and school, North by: site No.6, South by : Southern portion of same site No.5 allotted to smt. Menaka ,
4.	MRS MADIHA FIRDOSE Loan A/c No.412100001456	05/02/2026	Rs. 5,994,545.66	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property previously bearing property No.2 of house list No.93, situated at Kavalbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and presently bearing corporation No.1 situated at 1st Cross, B.M Krishnappa Layout, Bangalore, with PID No.95-94-1, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in total measuring 2400 Sq ft, with an residential apartment building known as SAIT'S MANOR. East by : Property No.13, West by: Road, North by: Property No.1, South by : Property No.3. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 300 Sq ft, of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the schedule 'A' property which is corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule-C Apartment unit.SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of an apartment unit I.e., Flat No. T-2, situated in Third Floor in the multi-storeyed residential apartment Building known as "SAIT'S MANOR", constructed over the schedule A property, measuring a super built-up area of 1150 Sq ft, (which is also inclusive of balconies ans a proportionate share in the common areas) with one covered car parking space on the Basement/surface floor, earmarked as No.T-2, with all common staircase, passage, terrace and amenities, constructed as per approved sanction plan vide L.P No.OL/SP/0461/2013-14, dated 30/07/2013 issued by BBMP.
5.	MR. SURESH BABU KONERU Loan A/c No.16061502411	06/02/2026	Rs. 1,962,511.50	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing a portion of the large extent of property bearing No.2, HMT Main Road, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthapur, Corporation Division No.1/2, Bangalore-560022, on which mulit-storied complex comprising of several Block are constructed in the name of 'PLATINUM CITY PROJECT' and the land beneath and said 'O' BLOCK, measuring from East to West- 78 mtrs. North to South-76.57 mts. In all measuring about 5972.46 Sq mtrs. And bounded as follows; East by : 'B' block of the platinum city project, West by: Bharat Fritz Werner Factory, North by: Open space of the platinum city project, South by : Open space of the platinum city project. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 215.15 Sq ft. undivided share of land in O block of the project known as 'PLATINUM CITY' bearing No.2 HMT Main Road , PEENYA Village, Yeshwanthpur, Corporation Division No.1/2, Bangalore-560022, SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Apartment bearing No.845, situated on the 8th floor of PHASE- iii of 'O" Block of "PLATINUM CITY" constructed on the schedule-A property with a super built up area 1320 Sq ft comprised of 3 bed-rooms with attached bathrooms, Hall, Kitchen and in the areas of common use, along with one covered car parking space.
6.	Mr. VINAY GANGADHARA Loan A/c No. 410600000960	03/02/2026	Rs. 6,930,487.46	SCHEDULE - 'A' : All that piece and parcel of (1) residentially converted land in an extent of Acres 00-29 Guntas, comprised in Sy. No. 104/4 and (ii) residentially converted land in an extent of Acres 00-13 Guntas, comprised in Sy. No. 103/2C, both abutting each other and forming a composite property totally measuring Acre 01= 02 Guntas, situated at Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN (S) SR (K) 65/10-11, dated: 21.09.2010) presently bearing BBMP Khata No.1043/104/4 and 103/2C, Ward No.160 of BBMP, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Division, Bangalore, totally measuring 45,738 Square Feet and bounded on the: BOUNDARIES: East By:Land in Re-Sy.No.104/3, West By : Road North By : Land in Re-Sy.No.103/2B & 104/2, South By: Land in Sy. No. 227 SCHEDULE - 'B' : 1/108th undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership equivalent to 423.50 Sq. feet in the land in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY referred to above. SCHEDULE - 'C' : Flat No.318 on the Third Floor in the building known as DECCAN ARCADE-2 on the lands described in Schedule-'A' above (including one half part in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and the floor of the apartment above it and internal and external walls between such levels), measuring 1395 Square Feet (Inclusive of share in common area i.e., joint undivided interest/ownership common space, passage, pipe, drains, Common Terrace and staircases) with Ceramic Flooring along with one car parking slot in Basement Floor.
7.	B C VIJAYAKUMAR Loan A/c No.410600005697	10/02/2026	Rs. 10,964,760.73	COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site Nos.55, 59, 62, 66, 56, 57, 64, 65, 58, 60, 61 and 63, V.P Katha Nos. 1217/55, 1221/59, 1224/62, 1228/66, 1218/56, 1219/57, 1226/64, 1227/65, 1220/58, 1222/60, 1223/61 & 1225/63 respectively, Presently bears clubbed common KathaNo1218/56-1219/57-1220/58-1222/60-1223/61-1227/65-12,Sl.No.150200101500401329, situated in the layout Known "BR Valley Park" formed in converted Sy. Nos.48/1, 48/2, 48/3, 48/4 & 49/2 (the land bearing Sy.Nos.48/1 & 48/2 is Converted by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner vide Official Memorandum dated 31/03/2009, bearing No.ALN (A) (K and A) SR:398/07-08, and land bearing Sy.Nos.48/3 & 48/4 is converted by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner vide Official Memorandum dated 11/11/2010, bearing No.ALN (A) (A) SR:41/10-11, and land bearing Sy.No.49/2, is converted by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner vide Official Memorandum dated 31/03/2009, bearing No.ALN (A) (K and A) SR:397/07-08 for the measuring 32.08 Guntas and Official Memorandum dated 11/11/2010, bearing No.ALN (A) (A) SR:42/10-11 for the measuring 33.08 Guntas) and a layout approved by the Anekal Planning Authority vide No.APA/LAO/65/2010-11, dated 17/05/2011, situated at Balagaranahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and totally measures East to West 54.43 Mtrs and North to South 30 Mtrs, totally measuring 1632.9 Sq.Mts or 17576.54 Sq.feet, the said Property presently physical availability measuring about 1626.45 Sq.Mts or 17507.1078 Sq.feet with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East by : Road; West by : 3M Pathway and Park; North by : Road; South by : Road; SCHEDULE "B" : 345 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. SCHEDULE "C" : Flat bearing No.303, in the Third Floor, measuring about 1150 Sq.ft. super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "PEACE PARK" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
8.	Mr. CHAITANYA RUDRAPATNA SATHYAMURTHY Loan A/c No.412200001399	04/02/2026	Rs. 1,97,70,557.11	SCHEDULE "A" : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Nos. 5A and 5B, in Joint Khata No.104/3/3/5 of Kaikondarahalli Village, under the then Doddakanahalli Group Panchayat, formed out of Sy. No.3/3 and 3/2 which is duly converted for residential purpose by the Tahasildar, Bangalore South Taluk, vide Conversion Certificate No.ALN.SR 273/1973-74, dt:23-08-1973, situated at Kaikondarahalli, Varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP Khata No.1115/720/721/3/3 5B 5A, measuring East by: 75'-6", West: 79'-9", North by: 134-6" and South by: 161'-4", in all measuring 11,450 Square feet, now within the limits of BBMP and bounded as follows:- East by : 25 feet Road, West by : Private Property, North by: Site No.4 and; South by: Site No.6, SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : Share corresponding to 440 Sq. ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing Flat No.205, situated on the SECOND Floor in the Apartment Building knows as "KAIROS HOMES" constructed in the property described in the Schedule 'A' Property hereto, with a super built up area of 1505 Sq. Ft., with one reserved covered Car parking space in stilt, built with Solid Blocks, RCC Roof, Aluminium Windows, Skin Doors and Vitrified tiles flooring, with right to use common areas like, stairs, passages, lobbies, lift, gym, party hall, generator and corridors etc., in the apartment building, and bounded on the: East by : Flat No. 206, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.6 South by : Lobby/Corridor and Flat No. 204,
9.	Mr. RAJESH B Loan A/c No. 410400010387	04/02/2026	Rs. 6,676,233.90	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property residential building constructed on Site No.28 out of composite property bearing Site Nos.27 and 28, carved out of Sy. No.319, Khatha No.610, Present BBMP Katha Serial No.1940, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)167/2000-01, dated: 13-02-2001 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike on the Eastern Side: 53 feet, on the Western Side: 50 feet, on the Northern Side: 67 feet and on the Southern Side: 65 feet, totally measuring 3399 square feet, together with building measuring 4000 square feet, comprising of parking space in the Ground Floor and building in upper floors having Vitrified Flooring and bounded on the East by : Private Layout, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 27, South by : Private Property. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 125 Square feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A' above. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Flat bearing No.402 in the FOURTH FLOOR, measuring about 900 Square feet of super built up area, containing One Car Parking, Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, along with Kitchen cabinets below the slab, together including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "EMPOWER PRISTINE" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
10.	Mr. R SHIVAKUMAR Loan A/c No.410200005510	13/02/2026	Rs. 12,134,102.55	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.5, formed out of Converted Sy.No.87/5 (Vide., B.D.S.A.L.N:S.R(S)138/2005-06) dated 05-11-2005, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Banglaore South Taluk, Bangalore, Vide. BBMP Katha No.2906/2122/5, measuring in two Blocks which is adjacent to each other Block-I: measuring East to West 73.25 Feet, North to South (103.5+100)/2 Feet, totally measuring 7454 Square Feet and Block-II: East to West 80 Feet. North to South 30 Feet, measuring 2400 Square Feet, in all totally measuring 9854 Square Feet, and bounded on the EAST BY: 60 Feet Road, WEST BY : M.V.Ramaswamy Raju's Property NORTH BY : M.V.Ramaswamy Raju'S and Krishne Gowda's Property SOUTH BY : Site No.4 (D.S.Max Apartment). SCHEDULE 'B' : 207 Square Feet, undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE 'C' : A Two Bed Room Apartment bearing No.006, situated on Ground Floor in the Building known as "AKSHAYA PRIDE" constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, with super built up area of 1006 Square Feet with proportionate share in common areas, such as passages, lobbies. lift area, staircase and other areas of common use, along with one covered car parking area in Stilt Floor bearing No.006 and having R.C.C. Roofing, Vitrified tile Flooring, Main Door with Teak Wood Frame and Teak Wood Shutter and Alluminium Windows, Internal Flush Doors with Sal wood frames, with electricity, water and sanitary connection, with Common use of approach to car park area and staircase and bounded on the: EAST BY : Apartment No.001, WEST BY : Ramaswamy Raju's Property, NORTH BY : Ramaswamy Raju's Property, SOUTH BY : Apartment No.005.

Place : Bangalore
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EDITORIAL

"You cannot engrave on water nor wound it with a knife, which is why the river has no fear of memories" — Girish Karnad

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— Ramnath Goenka

MARRIAGE BETWEEN CONSENTING ADULTS NEEDS NO PERMISSION

THE law is clear: when two consenting adults decide to marry, no one—not family, society or the State—can interfere. Article 21 of the Constitution protects personal liberty, and the Supreme Court has often said that choosing a life partner is an individual decision. Despite this, the Gujarat government now wants to change the Gujarat Registration of Marriages Act, 2006 to require parental consent and mandatory notification for registration. Applications would need statements confirming that parents have been informed, electronically or in person. This is more than a simple procedural change; it is a direct attack on personal liberty.

This is also a clear contradiction. At eighteen, a person can vote, help shape governments and even run for some offices. The State sees adults as mature enough to decide the country's future. Yet, when choosing a spouse, that same adult is seen as unable to decide for himself or herself. How can an adult be trusted with political rights but denied basic personal freedom?

Kerala's controversial Hadiya case made this conflict clear. In 2016, Hadiya, 24, previously known as Akhila Ashokan, converted to Islam and married Shafin Jahan. In 2017, the Kerala High Court annulled the marriage, called her "weak and vulnerable", and put her in her parents' custody. The court used *parens patriae*, a doctrine meant for minors or the mentally incapacitated. But Hadiya was neither—she had made her choice clear. In 2018, the Supreme Court restored her marriage, saying that parental concern cannot override an adult's constitutional freedom. The court said that the right to choose a partner is part of dignity and identity, and is at the heart of privacy, which cannot be violated.

Gujarat's proposed change must be understood in this constitutional context. These rules could make couples more vulnerable to pressure, especially in interfaith or inter-caste marriages, which families often resist. Warnings about men 'posing' under false identities repeat the old and discredited 'love jihad' story, turning private choices into political issues. This way of thinking comes from the age-old habit of controlling relationships, based on the idea that family honour and community approval should decide who someone marries. But in a constitutional democracy, the State should rise above these fears, not support them with laws. When two adults make a thoughtful choice, the law should stand by them, not over them.

HOCKEY INDIA MUST WAKE UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

LONG before cricket became a religion, hockey was India's first love. When the India men's team won back-to-back Olympic medals in 2021 and 2024, the romance was rekindled after decades of apathy. Yet, since the second of those medals, there has been an unmistakable dip in performance. It began with a seven-match losing streak in the Pro League 2024-25—the longest in a decade. India finished eighth. In the 2025-26 season, the home-leg results testified that nothing had changed. Their performance hit a nadir when they lost 0–8 to Argentina in Rourkela. So, when the Hobart leg began on February 21, all eyes were on India's much-needed change in attitude, hinting at a revival. But they started with a loss to Spain before drawing with Australia on Sunday.

The signs were ominous even before the team was named for the home leg. There were controversies surrounding former captain Manpreet Singh's omission. The junior players, who were not released last year despite pleas from India head coach Craig Fulton, were finally included in the team. There were also indications that the coach was miffed with Hockey India. The team that had boasted sparkling fitness two years ago seemed to be struggling in the last quarter of matches. There is a possibility that the Hockey India League at home has taken its toll. The players looked jaded and bereft of ideas when under pressure.

As is the case with teams in transition, the synergy is missing and communication appears to have broken down. The bigger worry is morale. Belief and confidence—ingredients on which a team's winning attitude is built—seem to be wavering. Captain Harmanpreet Singh was off-colour and was rested; Hardik Singh took his place. With the World Cup in August and the Asian Games in September, this is not a healthy augury. Women's hockey had its share of controversies when the team, after finishing fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, failed to qualify for Paris. In the lead-up to Tokyo, Hockey India was stringent with its policies. Focus on fitness was paramount. Spending time in national camps was non-negotiable, and star culture was not tolerated. It is time to find a new set of solutions to propel both the men's and women's teams to their old glories.

QUICK TAKE

SAFETY OF INDIANS ABROAD

THE safety of Indians in three countries came into focus on Monday. After the Mexican military killed cartel boss Nemesio 'El Mencho' Cervantes, Latin America's second largest economy erupted in violence, with schools, offices and airports shut and security personnel killed. The Indian mission opened a helpline for its distraught citizens. The same day, the Indian mission in Tehran asked its citizens to leave, given the heightening tensions there. Also on Monday, the National Human Rights Commission took *suo motu* cognisance of workers from Odisha stuck in Thailand, alleging months of unpaid wages and torture. Given the duty of care that comes with being one of the largest exporters of workers, India would do well to set up a round-the-clock information cell catering to the families of this increasingly vulnerable diaspora.

With AI affecting most sectors, many entry-level jobs are vanishing from the market. Constant re-skilling and working multiple gigs could be ways for the young to survive the near future

WHEN THE ONLY THING CONSTANT IS A JOB CRISIS

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WE live in a wild, wild world. Gone are the days when life at work was predictable. Today, nothing is. One day there is a tariff war. Then there is peace, with a treaty to boot. And celebration of a win on both sides of the trade border. The next day, there is a tumult once again as the US Supreme Court turns it topsy-turvy again.

Uncertainty is the norm. Nothing is permanent. But permacrisis is here for sure. A term that elevates crisis to a state of deep permanence. We might as well get used to it.

A lot of crazy things have been happening. Apart from the tariff war, gold, silver and copper prices have run amok. Indians who traditionally saved gold and silver under the guise of festive splurges, women's cravings, wedding gifts and other excuses are today laughing all the way to their bank lockers, or to their 'Godrej bureaus'. All of a sudden, the personal wealth of gold- and silver-conscious Indians has gone up. This applies to the great Indian middle, lower and upper income groups—in that pecking order.

And then there is the permacrisis in the job market. Everyone is suddenly insecure about their jobs. In the old days—that is, five years ago—it was the middle manager in the organisation who was worried. He or she had put in some 20 years of work and was in their late forties or early fifties. Youngsters and new recruits in their early thirties were replacing them. The jobs could be done at cheaper salaries and lower employee-carrying costs.

Voluntary retirement schemes were the talk of the town once again. A whole host of the challenged took this option and sat on the bench. This time in their homes, trying to dabble with other forms of earning to supplement the VRS corpus. The young employee who replaced this middle manager was laughing all the way to the bank. Their salaries looked good and their jobs secure.

Come 2026, and all this is challenged. Permacrisis is here in the jobs market for the young as well. In fact, the current crisis challenges the young more than the old. The remaining older folks in organisations are much more secure. They are happily not in the middle anymore. They are the decision-makers at the top. Their jobs are secure till the devil of sentient artificial intelligence enters the game.

As of now, the most insecure people in jobs across realms of work are in back-end data generation, sales and customer service. The entry-level is reducing in numbers and jobs at the back-end of sales, logistics, finance, legal and a whole host of verticals are being shaken, stirred and replaced by AI-enabled enterprise strategies.

Add to it the fact that organisations big and small are using the bogey of AI to foreclose a whole host of jobs they found unsustainable, and the permacrisis for the young is complete. The status of jobs is what we witness in your refrigerator. Eggs waiting to be beaten and chicken waiting to be eaten. Not as rough as that yet—but wait. The future will be tougher still.

Even as Vinod Khosla talks straight and loud, everyone else in the IT market is talking a language best understood by those with twin-tongues. It looks almost as if no one knows of the permacrisis ahead, or everyone knows and wants to present a comfort-façade that all is well. I wonder why.

The young are, therefore, challenged all across. This job insecurity is not only in engineering and technology enterprises. It is there in every allied territory. And which piece of work is unallied to technology today? Even the Uber driver is worried of income drop as people use smart apps to compare prices and crunch cab-sharing schemes to book the cheapest ride. While AI is a great big angel for a small host of those in the developer economy, it's the big devil for a bigger host of people in the working class. Their incomes are getting crunched and their jobs are at risk, even as AI aggregators at the top are getting the valuations of their enterprise cranked up and running.

What then is the solution? How are the young and the dispossessed (of jobs) going to handle the crisis? And what must the young and the tense do?

Solution one is the need to re-skill, up-skill and cross-skill across the new technologies that are emerging. But remember, even this shall pass. Your new skill is only as new as the next big move in the work space.

As AI stops being a discipline on its own and an important component in every piece of work—suave and rustic included—your job is forever at the risk of redefinition. Therefore, constant redefinition of your skills and upgrading yourself from being a back-end being to a front-ended one may be a necessity.

Being a mind alone is not enough anymore. Work is getting cleaved. At the bottom end of the work pyramid, it is important to be a mind and a pair of legs and hands for sure. At the top end, it is still prudent to be that superior mind planning all this and the demise of a whole host of jobs as AI promises better efficiency and profits. In many ways, the top manager is actually planning the demise of the organisation as we know it today: people-dependent, people-heavy and people-expensive.

And what is solution two? I do believe every youngster at work needs to have a second gig to support him in tough times. Many youngsters of the peak work age are going to lose their jobs in the near future. They need to have a second and maybe a third gig. Time to plan your finances and investments too. Time to get a passive income stream going. Something that works for you without you working on it even.

Time to make your assets earn. Time to do a lot of financial planning. Time to shed the attitude to buy things without having the immediate money to pay for it. Time to make way for "simple living and high thinking", as my father would say all the time.

A maverick positive I see in the future is the possibility of a lot of people from urban areas wanting to return to the rural and deep-rural spaces of our country. A lot of folk will want to return to that peace and quiet. A less-expensive, pollution-free geography to live in.

I really do hope this happens. Our urban agglomerations need to de-magnetise. But then, even as you do that, you will find AI in the midst of your cows and buffaloes too, thanks to efforts such as Amul's just-launched Sarlaben AI app. It connects the over-300-million bovine population of the country to a network that manages health, artificial insemination, pregnancy, nutrition, lactation, productivity and more as the next white revolution gains traction.

But watch out here as well. The next permacrisis in this realm could be a future habit that has more people not wanting to drink milk. Milk is for the cow's calves, not greedy humans like you and I. *Touché.*

(Views are personal)

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SHINING BHARAT, DARKENING INDIA

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VIKSIT Bharat rings loudly in our public discourse today. Yet, step a little away from the slogans and one encounters another India—older, quieter and fraying at the edges. Nowhere is this contradiction more arresting than in the shadow of some of our greatest monuments, where civilisational brilliance coexists with everyday decay.

The glory of Chalukyan temples, for one, stands in stark juxtaposition to the decline of the towns and villages around them. And yet, amid the ruin, hope persists—kept alive by those working patiently to restore our art, traditions and cultural memory.

Many Indias coexist in a baffling time warp—the glorious and the gross, the beautiful and the ugly, the sublime and the lowly, the sacred and the profane, the opulent and the poor. This contrast revealed itself with startling clarity during a recent visit to the awe-inspiring Badami rock-cut cave temples in North Karnataka.

The occasion was an evening of folk songs dedicated to Yellamma Devi, also known as Renuka Yellamma—a powerful folk goddess worshipped across Karnataka and parts of Telangana and Maharashtra. Interwoven with Hindu mythology and regional folklore, Yellamma is revered as a protector of the marginalised, a fertility goddess and a fierce-yet-compassionate force associated with healing. Her story is one of injustice and endurance: wronged and humiliated by her husband Jamadagni, a revered sage, she suffers indignity and gendered cruelty, yet rises in divine anger—wounded but never broken.

Across regions, multiple versions of her legend exist, many associated with transgender communities who worship her. Unlike the distant, temple-enshrined deities of classical Hinduism, Yellamma is raw, intimate and alive in the imagination of rural communities. Many rightly regard her a feminist goddess. She lives on through oral ballads, dance dramas, jatras and rituals passed down through centuries.

That evening's ballads were performed by Shilpa Mudbi, who along with her husband gave up corporate careers to relocate to Kalaburagi and devote themselves to preserving folk arts. She performed with a small troupe of local artists at the restored Sudi stepwell in Gadag district—an 11th-century Kalyani Chalukya monument and a masterpiece of subterranean architecture with sophisticated water management systems, restored by the Deccan Heritage Foundation.

The lyrics tracing Yellamma's life were sung in the chaste folk Kannada of the Gadag-Kalaburagi region. Shilpa's voice—metallic, earthy and lilting—pierced the soul. As the ballad unfolded—birth, suffering, endurance—our emotions oscillated between turbulent delight and deep pathos. These folk narratives diverge from the *Mahabharata*, yet feel closer to a lived truth.

The Chalukya empire, which ruled 6th-8th centuries CE, reached its zenith under King Pulakeshin II. Its dominion stretched from the Cauvery delta to the Narmada and into present-day Gujarat. The Badami cave temples, carved at the dawn of this era, are regarded as the mother of Deccan temple architecture, followed by Pattadakal—a Unesco World Heritage Site—and the free-standing temples of Aihole. Badami and Pattadakal served alternately as imperial capitals.

EXPRESS

In many parts of India, old civilisational achievements are surrounded by modern decrepitude. The Badami rock caves are not far from lanes that tell the story of communities struggling to make ends meet. Handicraft is one hopeful link between old traditions and new livelihoods

Standing before these temples, carved over 1,500 years ago into solid red rock, one is overwhelmed by their sculptural precision. One cannot help but ask: what chisel and imagination wrought such poetry in stone?

And then you step out.

Into villages abutting these monuments—narrow lanes lined with cow dung, open drains and huts crammed cheek by jowl. Plastic garbage amid the rubble of demolished mud houses replaced by tiny cement boxes. Stray cattle forage through the debris. Cutting through this decay is another sound: the steady hum of handlooms.

We were led into the homes of weavers who have, for generations, woven the famed Ilkal saris using complex techniques, natural dyes and distinctive patterns. This knowledge, almost a form of inherited neural mapping, has passed from parent to child.

A woman sat at her loom in a small Kadapa-stoned hall of her mud house, skylights flooding the space with light. Her hands moved ceaselessly as she answered our questions. One cotton sari, she said, takes seven days to weave. In a nearby shop, it sells for about ₹3,000. She herself wore a polyester sari costing ₹100-150. Power-driven machines churning out synthetic yarn are steadily replacing looms. The tragedy feels inevitable.

Her poverty stung sharply. Yet her immersion in craft, her dignity and devotion exposed the futility of our own Sisyphean urban lives, cocooned in digital abundance. Thomas Gray's line came to mind: "Let not ambition mock their useful toil."

Outside, women washed clothes on stone slabs by the roadside. Water, they said, arrived once every five days for two hours—this in a region fed by the Malaprabha, Ghataprabha and Krishna rivers, near whose confluence stands the Almatti dam. Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink or wash with.

As sunset set the red cliffs ablaze and cattle trundled home with jingling bells, a deep melancholy settled in. I recalled Jnanpith laureate Masti Venkatesha Iyengar's words on visiting the Hoysala temple at Belur amid a crumbling village: "O god, this temple embodies the apogee of art and prosperity. Why have you condemned us now to utter destitution?"

Yet, the Badami temples kindled hope. The villages depress, but the men and women working with quiet optimism to revive heritage and livelihoods restore faith. Hope, after all, is the invisible fuel of life. As Dostoevsky wrote, "To live without hope is to cease to live."

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Panicky Trump

Ref: *Trump's permanent trade doctrine* (Feb 23). The panicky doubling down on tariff-nomics can be attributed to Donald Trump's MAGA efforts turning futile. Considering how major blocs like the European Union and China are diversifying, Don will completely transform the canvas of the world order by the time he vacates the White House.
Mayank Maleta, Bengaluru

Chinese delights

Ref: *The Chindian tale* (Feb 23). The lovely column brings back pleasant memories. Decades ago, as a schoolchild in Coimbatore, we had just one Chinese joint called China Restaurant. The taste of their sweet & sour prawns—a favourite—is etched in sweet memory. In neighbouring Ooty, there still exists Shinkows, run by Pawks and family, and legendary to tens of thousands of students who studied in the hill schools. Getting a table when parents visited was almost an impossibility. As students in Chennai in 1974, we were fortunate to have a Chinese restaurant within walking distance to our IIT hostel, called Waldorf. Waldys to us. Not surprisingly, when abroad and tired of bland food, Indians look for a Chinese restaurant. Long may they thrive in India and give us the benefit of their culture.
Philip R J Fowler, email

Reality check

Ref: *India battered & bruised* (Feb 23). India were offered a reality check at Ahmedabad as the Proteas hand-delivered the Men in Blue one of their biggest defeats. India's poor net run rate could prove crucial if the Super Eight games end nip and tuck.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

Many aboard

Ref: *Seat-sharing* (Feb 23). The DMK's election bus is now packed. Long-time allies, new entrants and AIADMK defectors are all seeking seats. Who sits comfortably and who travels as standees remains uncertain. The conductor, M K Stalin, cannot even risk a symbolic whistle. Steering this overloaded vehicle without imbalance will be his toughest political drive.
Gopalaswamy J, email

Phone dependence

Ref: *K'taka moots mobile ban* (Feb 23). Before rollout, the government must consider an alternative homework model considering students have inevitably resorted to devices for studying since Covid. Although overuse has become a menace, learning must not be disrupted.
Jiji Panicker K, Alappuzha

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
Peaceful protests are the basic rights or any citizen in any democracy. Our young colleagues exposed the compromised PM, and now his police is indulging in political witch-hunt

Sagarika Ghose @sagarikaghose
Dear Smt @gupta_rekha : before giving your opinions on Bengal, please turn much needed attention to Delhi where you are responsible for the daily suffering of citizens

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
When even a veteran Congress leader like Margaret Alva has to remind the Congress party about dignity and responsibility, you know they have hit a new low

'Need long-term community resilience'

Shift from relief-centric disaster model key as climate shocks grow more frequent, says philanthropist Rohini Nilekani

AS climate shocks grow more frequent and overlapping, India must urgently shift from a relief-centric disaster model to one that builds long-term community resilience, says **Rohini Nilekani**, Chairman of Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies. In an interview with **S V Krishna Chaitanya**, she says that millions remain trapped in cycles of loss because systems still underestimate the everyday, human toll of climate extremes.

Excerpts:

You emphasise that the "first mile is where samaaj networks step in". What makes these informal networks succeed where formal systems struggle?
India has a huge but under-recognised asset: social capital. Nearly 60 million women are part of community groups and self-help networks. These trusted relationships activate long before formal aid arrives. People know who is missing, who needs medicines, and which route is passable. Formal systems operate at scale, and they must, but they tend to be standardised. Communities, on the other hand, are deeply contextual. The shift we need is simple: resource and train these networks, and integrate their knowledge into planning.

Was there a particular interaction that changed how you personally think about resilience?
One that stayed with me was hearing from first responders, who said that after floods, everyone sends blankets. But sometimes what people urgently need are completely different things, like tools, dry food, medicines, or support to restart livelihoods. It drove home a basic truth. Relief without local listening often misses the mark. That is why we argue the data—weather, flood patterns, heat alerts—must sit not only with institutions but with communities themselves. When people understand their own risk, their response becomes far more effective.

India has become good at saving lives. What convinced you that survival alone is no longer enough?
India deserves credit. Early evacuations and disaster response systems have reduced mortality. But what we saw on the ground is that while people survive the event, their livelihoods, education, health, and dignity continue to erode afterwards. For example, poor households can lose up to 85% of their annual income from a disaster; extreme weather events occurred on 86% of days in 2023, and back-to-back shocks leave little time to rebuild. Yes, we are saving lives, but many families are stuck in a permanent recovery loop. That is why survival is no longer enough.

You say 85% of districts are exposed to major hazards. How is this reshaping everyday life in ways policy makers still underestimate?
The biggest underestimation is the extent to which disasters now intersect with development. Floods are shutting schools for weeks. In drought-prone areas, 20–25% of school absenteeism is linked to climate stress like water collection. Health systems are disrupted. Livelihoods become unstable. Migration rises. What policymakers often see is an event. Families experience a continuous erosion of stability. If recovery takes two decades but shocks recur every few years, families never rebuild their asset base. They sell livestock, pull kids out of school, or take high-interest loans to survive. Over time, this becomes intergenerational poverty, not just temporary distress.

You warn of "disaster aid fatigue". Are we at risk of becoming emotionally numb?
There are signs of fatigue. First responders told us it is becoming harder to raise funds after floods, especially in remote areas. When disasters happen so frequently, public empathy can be dulled. But that is exactly why we must shift the narrative. We must invest before the disaster, in preparedness, local capacity, and financial buffers.

What about invisible losses such as mental health stress, dignity, and social bonds? Why do these human dimensions still remain under-reported?
Because our systems measure what is easy to count. Economic loss is visible. Trauma is not. Yet the psychological toll is profound. After the Uttarakhand floods, over 70% of survivors reported depression or PTSD. We call this an attention failure and a design failure. Until media and policymakers deliberately track these human dimensions, they'll remain invisible.

Women and children face disproportionately higher mortality risks. What blind spots are still putting them in harm's way?
Disaster systems are still implicitly designed for what we call the "default citizen", an able-bodied adult man with documents and mobility. But reality is different. Women and children can face up to 14 times higher mortality risk in disasters. Many women lack land titles, blocking compensation. Relief shelters often ignore safety and privacy needs. Unless gender and social realities are built into planning from the start, these gaps will persist.

India says 'leave Iran by available means' amid fears of Trump strike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Indian embassy in Tehran has issued an advisory, urging Indian nationals to leave Iran using all available means of transport, including commercial flights, amid escalating regional tensions and fears of a possible US military strike.

"In continuation of the advisory issued by the Government of India on 5 January 2026, and in view of evolving situation in Iran, Indian nationals who are currently in Iran—students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists—are advised to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights," the advisory said.

The advisory comes as reports of a potential US strike on Iran grow, even as indirect negotiations between Tehran and Washington continue in pursuit of a nuclear deal, with the next round of talks scheduled for Thursday in Geneva.

The embassy reiterated its earlier advisory, asking all Indian citizens and Persons of Indian Origin to exercise caution, avoid areas witnessing protests, remain in regular contact with the mission, and monitor local media for developments. It also asked Indian nationals to keep travel and immigration documents, including passports and identification papers, readily accessible, and to contact the embassy for assistance if needed.

The US has increased its military presence in the West East near Iran, deploying advanced frigates, fighter jets and other assets as President Donald Trump has repeatedly warned Tehran in efforts to push for a finalised nuclear agreement. Trump has cautioned that limited strikes against Iran remain possible if diplomacy fails.

Iran, for its part, has said that it is prepared for any escalation while maintaining that diplomacy remains the primary option. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that he expects to meet the US envoy in Geneva on Thursday and noted a "good chance" remains for a diplomatic resolution to the nuclear issue.

Def innovation, security partnership top agenda of Modi's visit to Israel

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and Israel are set to deepen their relationship as PM Narendra Modi begins a two-day visit to Israel on February 25–26, signalling a renewed push to upgrade defence ties and update security collaboration. During the visit, New Delhi and Tel Aviv are expected to announce an updated security pact aimed as both countries seek to collaborate closely in emerging domains like artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and cyber security.

This will be Modi's second visit to Israel in nine years, following his 2017 trip that elevated the bilateral relationship to a "Strategic Partnership." Since full diplomatic ties were established in 1992, defence cooperation has formed a cornerstone of India-Israel relations. Israel has emerged as a key supplier of advanced military technology to India, while bilateral trade has expanded steadily, particularly in high-tech sectors.

Israeli Ambassador to India Reuven Azar described the upcoming visit as a decisive moment. In a video message, he said the two countries would move forward in updating security arrangements and advancing cooperation.

'Reinforcing a partnership rooted in trust, resilience'

The visit will also advance discussions on the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC), aimed at enhancing connectivity and economic integration across regions. Modi's visit is widely seen as reinforcing a partnership rooted in trust, resilience, and a forward-looking agenda.

Modi's itinerary reflects both strategic and symbolic intent. He is scheduled to address Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, in a high-profile speech expected to outline a shared vision for security and innovation-driven growth, sources said.

He will also visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial.

In November 2025, when India's Defence Secretary visited Israel, the two sides signed a significant MoU on defence cooperation, laying the groundwork for further institutional alignment. Beyond defence, both sides are keen to accelerate cooperation in emerging technologies.

Modi is expected to meet leading Israeli business executives and innovators to explore joint ventures in AI, quantum computing, and advanced design. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has described Modi as a "personal friend," has emphasised innovation as a key driver of the relationship.

Ahead of motion, Birla's outreach to Oppn

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday constituted Parliamentary Friendship Groups with more than 60 countries, comprising several prominent opposition members, including those suspended from the Lower House recently for alleged 'unruly behaviour.'

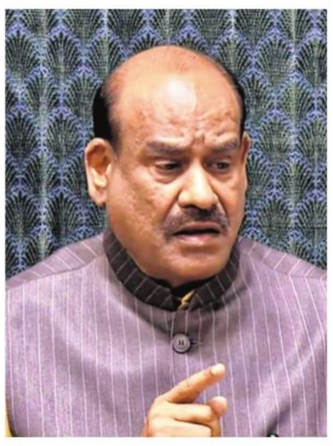
The decision comes ahead of a no-confidence motion by the Opposition to remove him from office, alleging partisan conduct in the House.

Prominent opposition leaders such as Shashi Tharoor, P Chidambaram, Gaurav Gogoi (Congress), K Kanimozhi (DMK), Derek O'Brien, Abhishek Banerjee (Trinamool Congress), Arvind Sawant (SS-UBT), Supriya Sule (NCP-SP), Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM), Akhilesh Yadav and Ram Gopal Yadav (Samajwadi Party) will chair the parliamentary groups, each having 11 members.

Senior BJP leaders such as Ravi Shankar Prasad, Baijayant Panda, Nishikant Dubey, and Anurag Thakur have also been appointed as chairpersons of the groups.

Shiv Sena leader Shrikant Shinde and JD(U) member Sanjay Jha have also been nominated as chairpersons.

Among the suspended Congress Lok Sabha members, Manickam Tagore, Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Hibi Eden, Amarinder Singh Raj Warring, Prashant Padole, Dean Kuriakose, C Kiran Kumar Reddy, and CPM member S Venkatesan have been made members of various groups.



Priyanka made member of Friendship Group for Japan

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has been made a member of the Friendship Group for Japan. Similarly, Trinamool leader Mahua Moitra is part of the group for Portugal led by Venugopal. DMK leaders T R Baalu, Kanimozhi and Tiruchi Siva will lead the friendship groups for Malaysia, Greece and Bahrain, respectively. The idea is to allow the lawmakers to speak directly to their counterparts abroad, share legislative experience, a Lok Sabha Secretariat statement said.

Speaker Birla is likely to constitute more such groups, which are co-terminus with the tenure of the Lok Sabha.

"The move reflects a conscious effort by the Indian Parliament to deepen dialogue and exchanges with legislatures across continents and to complement traditional diplomacy with sustained parliamentary interaction," Birla said.

The seven delegations articulated India's stand on Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, rising above ideological differences.

Among the BJP leaders, Bhartuhari Mahtab will lead the Parliamentary Friendship Group with Israel, Baijayant Panda (US), Nishikant Dubey (Russia), Anurag Thakur (EU Parliament Brussels), and Rajiv Pratap Rudy, and Sudhanshu Trivedi (Saudi Arabia), among others.

Among Congress leaders, P Chidambaram will lead the Parliamentary Friendship Group with Italy, Akhilesh Yadav (Japan), Shashi Tharoor (France), Manish Tewari (Australia) Kodikunnil Suresh (Qatar), Asaduddin Owaisi (Oman), and K C Venugopal (Portugal) among others.

Under Speaker Om Birla's leadership, Parliament has taken a more active role in international fora.

Rahul slams PM, calls trade deal 'most shameful'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a sharp response to Prime Minister Modi's "dirty and naked politics" attack on Congress, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday termed the India - US trade deal as "shameful" and accused the PM of indulging in "dirty politics."

In a video message, Gandhi reiterated his claims that the agreement with the US amounted to a betrayal of national interests. "The trade deal you made with America, in which you sold the country, is shameful," he said. He further claimed that the agreement compromised India's data security and adversely affected farmers and the textile sector.

The remarks come a day after Modi criticised a shirtless protest staged by Indian Youth Congress workers at the recent AI Impact Summit, describing it as "dirty and shameless politics." Turning the charge back on the PM, Gandhi said, "and you talk about shame? Let me tell you what shame is," he said, defending peaceful protest as a cornerstone of democracy

Bust of Rajaji in Rashtrapati Bhavan unveiled

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi referred to the matter in his 'Maan Ki Baat', President of India Droupadi Murmu on Monday unveiled a bust of Chakravarti Rajagopalachari - the only Indian Governor-General of independent India - at Rashtrapati Bhavan in the presence of the Vice President of India CP Radhakrishnan and other ministers.

The bust of Rajaji was installed at the Grand Open Staircase near Ashok Mandap, opposite the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, replacing the bust of Edwin Lutyens, the building's architect. PM Modi had earlier spoken about installing the bust, stating that the time had come to shed the mentality of slavery.

After unveiling the bust, the President said that when Rajaji arrived at Government House (now known as Rashtrapati Bhavan), he placed portraits of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Mahatma Gandhi in his room. "Rajaji sent a clear message that while India was formally still a Dominion, Swaraj had been fully established in the hearts of Indians. Thus, Rajaji set an inspiring example of mental decolonisation", the President said. She added that Indian consciousness and a deep connection with all Indians, particularly the weaker sections, were reflected in Rajaji's thoughts and actions.

Portraits of British officials displayed previously

After unveiling the bust, the President said that when Rajaji arrived at Government House, he placed portraits of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Mahatma Gandhi in his room. Murmu noted that portraits of British imperial officials who had exploited India were previously displayed in the corridors of Rashtrapati Bhavan. "Now, the gallery called 'Param Vir Dirgha' is adorned with portraits of Param Vir Chakra awardees," she said.

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Murmu noted that portraits of British imperial officials who had exploited India were previously displayed in the corridors of Rashtrapati Bhavan. "Now, the gallery called 'Param Vir Dirgha' is adorned with portraits of Param Vir Chakra awardees. The Granth Kutir has been established at Rashtrapati Bhavan to preserve the great tradition of knowledge accumulated in manuscripts and texts of India's classical languages", she said. She also described Rashtrapati Bhavan as the "Rashtra ka Bhavan" belonging to the citizens of the country.

Highlighting Rajaji's contributions and service to the nation and society, the President said: "His contributions to the legal profession, freedom struggle, social and economic reforms, ancient Indian scriptures, Tamil and English writing, poetry and music, politics and governance greatly enriched these fields". "As we move ahead towards making 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, icons like Rajaji inspire us with their ideas and ideals", she said, adding that the people of India would continue to progress with the spirit of "nation first", inspired by Rajaji's work.

It may be recalled that the PM had stated that the the unveiling of the bust of Rajagopalachari by the President is a moment of pride for the people.

Carney's India visit aims to reset bilateral ties, fast-track trade push

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

CANADIAN Prime Minister Mark Carney will travel to India as part of a broader Indo-Pacific tour that also includes Australia and Japan, in a push to expand trade, energy and defence partnerships with key regional allies. It is learnt that he will then arrive in New Delhi on March 1 and is likely to hold bilateral talks with PM Narendra Modi on March 2.

The discussions are expected to focus on elevating and expanding the Canada-India relationship through new partnerships in trade, clean energy, technology and artificial intelligence, talent mobility, culture and defence cooperation. Ottawa described India as one of Canada's strongest Indo-Pacific partners, underlining that deepening ties in the region is critical to Canada's long-term security and prosperity.

"Prime Minister Carney will first visit Mumbai, then New Delhi, India, where he will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The leaders will focus on elevating and expanding the Canada-India relationship, with ambitious new partnerships in trade, energy, technology and AI, talent and culture, and defence. He will meet with business leaders to identify investment opportunities in Canada and create new partnerships between businesses in both nations," an Canadian government release said.

Carney's India stop is part of a three-nation visit that includes meetings with Australian PM Anthony Albanese and Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi. The trip is aimed at unlocking new opportunities for Canadian workers and businesses across high-growth sectors, while reinforcing strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

Trade is expected to feature prominently in Carney's talks with Modi. In 2024, India ranked as Canada's seventh-largest trading partner in goods and services, with two-way trade valued at $30.8 billion. At the 2025 G20 Leaders' Summit, the two countries agreed to launch negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, with the goal of more than doubling bilateral trade to $70 billion by 2030.

With both governments seeking to diversify supply chains and accelerate collaboration in emerging technologies, Carney's visit signals a renewed effort to stabilise and scale up economic engagement.

PROTEST

Hundreds of truck operators on Monday took to the streets in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district against the hike in toll charges collected at entry points from vehicles registered outside the state.

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Chennai	29	23	Port Blair	26	26
Kolkata	31	20	Imphal	26	12
Srinagar	13	01	Chandigarh	26	13

Drones, satellites & a dog led forces to Jaish hideout in J&K's Kishtwar

Terror outfit eliminated after 16-month-long hunt

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE killing of three Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, including top commander Saifullah, in the rugged Chatroo forest area of Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir has ended a relentless 16-month manhunt by security forces. Advanced technologies such as FPV drones, satellite imagery, and RPAs/UAVs were extensively used during the operation.

According to officials, operations will continue until the terror network is fully dismantled and its ecosystem demolished. IGP Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti said the seven-member Jaish group infiltrated in April 2024 and was engaged 17 times over the past one and a half years. The group was responsible for multiple attacks and ambushes, including the July 2024 attack that killed four soldiers.

"Yesterday was the culmination of a year-and-a-half-long manhunt with the killing of three terrorists, including Saifullah. With their killing, the group of seven, also known as the 'Israel group', has been eliminated," Tuti said.

General Officer Commanding of the Army's Counter Insurgency Force Delta, Major General A P S Bal, said Operation Trashi entered its latest phase on January 14. "The first contact was established with terrorists in January and February," he said.

Despite repeated engagements, terrorists evaded the cordon in dense forests and snow-bound terrain. The breakthrough came on February 4 with the killing of operative Adil. "We kept pursuing them, and on Feb 21, on specific input, an operation was launched... All resources available to us were employed jointly and in an integrated manner—from a dog to a drone," Maj Gen Bal said.

The operation concluded without casualties among security personnel, except injury to Army dog Tyson, who initiated the final engagement.

Maj Gen Bal said six Jaish terrorists were killed in February alone. Regarding local support, he said a support system existed and action would follow.

Breakthrough on Feb 4 with operative Adil's killing

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Kharge, Rahul to hold rally against trade deal today

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

LOP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress's national president Mallikarjun Kharge will hold a Kisan Mahapanchayat in the BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh's capital Bhopal on Tuesday afternoon to protest the India-US trade deal.

The mega gathering of farmers from across the central Indian state will be addressed by the two senior leaders at the Atal Path. Ahead of the Mahapanchayat, the Congress MLAs, led by the LoP Umang Singhar, protested in the Assembly premises on Monday against the India-US trade deal.

Holding placards and wearing masks of PM Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, Singhar led the Congress MLAs to protest on the issue. While alleging that the recent trade deal was a major threat to Indian farmers, the LoP Singhar said, "If cheap foreign soybeans, corn, and cotton enter the Indian market, it will have a direct and serious impact on our hardworking farmers, agricultural markets, and the rural economy. The BJP government's policies have consistently been anti-farmer. The Congress will continue to fight from the streets to the Legislature to protect the interests of farmers".

'Give me a chance to serve you': Modi pens letter to Bengal voters

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WITH West Bengal preparing for Assembly elections by April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday reached out directly to voters through a letter written in Bengali, seeking what he called "one chance to serve the people of Bengal".

The letter referenced "Jai Maa Kali" setting the tone for the state. Without naming the ruling party or Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Modi sharply criticised the state's condition, pointing to what he described as poor development, a lack of employment, a weak education system, and a climate of fear.

"The men, women and children of my dream of Sonar Bangla have been facing severe deprivation. Their pain weighs heavily on my heart. From the depths of my being, I have taken a pledge — to develop and transform West Bengal into a prosperous state," he wrote.

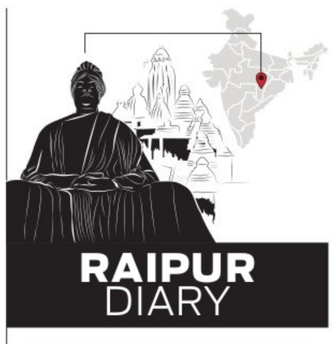
Appealing to voters, he said the upcoming election would shape the state's destiny. "The direction in which the state progresses will be determined by its voters," he noted, urging people to think about "the direction in which the future of the next generation can move on your thoughtful decision."

Modi promised a corruption-free administration where women would feel secure and youth would not be forced to migrate for work. He assured that refugees facing religious persecution would receive citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act and that governance would be free from illegal infiltration.

Highlighting his government's record at the Centre, he cited welfare measures including toilets under Swachh Bharat, loans to small traders, LPG connections under Ujjwala and direct support to farmers under PM-Kisan.

Expresses 'deep pain' at decline into 'anarchy'

Recalling Bengal's legacy shaped by Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo, he said he felt "deep pain" at its decline into "narrow vote-bank politics, violence and anarchy." He concluded by invoking Syama Prasad Mookerjee's role in keeping Bengal integral to India.



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Accused Cong MLA attends House

A six-time tribal Congress MLA and former excise minister, Kawasi Lakhma, was seen attending the first day of the budget session on Monday after Speaker Raman Singh gave him conditional permission. Lakhma was granted interim bail on February 3 by the Supreme Court in connection with two separate liquor scam cases filed by the ED and the state police. While the court directed the Congress leader to remain outside Chhattisgarh during the probe, it left the decision regarding his participation in assembly proceedings to the discretion of the Speaker. It is learned that Lakhma had earlier met the Speaker, following which the Assembly Secretariat reviewed the legalities and issued a conditional clearance.

Jindal Steel joins 'Global Sustainability Elite'

Jindal Steel Ltd has achieved a milestone in corporate responsibility, securing a spot in the prestigious '2026 Sustainability Yearbook' following a noteworthy 42-point jump in its Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) score. The firm continues to leverage its mine-to-metal model across facilities in Angul, Raigarh, and Patratu. This places Jindal Steel among an elite group of 11 steel companies selected globally for the Yearbook out of 129 assessed in the sector. The company's CSA score surged from 30 to 72 out of 100, while its overall environmental, social, and governance score went from 37 to 74.

Prayagraj girl tops state judicial services exams

In the heart of Prayagraj, a city long celebrated as the nursery of India's legal luminaries, Anjum Aara, a law graduate from a modest middle-class family, has secured Rank 1 in the Chhattisgarh Judicial Service Examination 2024. Outshining 57 successful candidates finally selected in the Chhattisgarh Civil Judge Junior Division Exam, Anjum's journey is a persistence in resilience. While many would have crumbled after reaching the mains and interview stages in various judicial exams in states like Rajasthan, MP, Delhi, and Chhattisgarh only to face rejection, Anjum persevered. For her, those setbacks were lessons.

Air ambulance with 7 on board crashes in J'khand after take-off for Delhi

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a shocking incident, an air ambulance heading towards Delhi from Ranchi crashed in Kasariya Panchayat under Simariya Block of Chatra late Monday evening.

Though there is no official confirmation, local sources said that all seven people on board are still missing.

Chatra Superintendent of Police Sumit Agarwal confirmed the incident. Rescue and relief operations have been launched, he said.

The aircraft was a Beechcraft King Air BE9L operated by Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd. It was operating for medical evacuation (air ambulance) on the "Ranchi-Delhi" sector.

According to the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), there were seven people on board, including two crew members. The aircraft took off from Ranchi at 7:11 pm. "After establishing contact with Kolkata ATC, the aircraft requested deviation due to weather. At 7.34 pm, the aircraft lost communication and RADAR contact with Kolkata.

The last known position of the aircraft was approximately 100 nautical miles southeast of Varanasi," stated the DGCA.

The aircraft was carrying patient Sanjay Kumar (41), along with two pilots—Vivek Vikash Bhagat and Savrajdeep Singh—doctor Vikash Kumar Gupta, paramedic Sachin Kumar Mishra, and attendants Archana Devi and Dhuru Kumar.

Soon after the incident was reported, local police and district authorities reached the crash site.

Chatra SP informed that rescue and assessment teams were heading towards the remote forested area to evaluate the situation and ascertain the extent of casualties and damage.

Official confirmation regarding the condition of those on board was still awaited at the time of filing this report.

The aircraft was functioning as an air ambulance and was transporting the patient from Ranchi to Delhi for medical treatment. The exact cause of the crash remains unknown.

BIHAR

Cop held in AP ex-MP custodial torture, released

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A high-voltage drama was enacted outside the Patna civil court on Monday after the court turned down Andhra Pradesh police's petition seeking transit remand of senior Bihar cadre IPS officer M Sunil Nayak. The officer is an accused in connection with a 2021 custodial torture and attempt to murder case involving a former MP from Andhra Pradesh.

Nayak, a native of Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district, was taken into custody from his official residence in Patna early on Monday. The visiting team raided his house and seized some documents after hours-long interrogation by a three-member AP police team. Bhanu Pratap Singh, City SP, Patna, said, "Security arrangements were made around the officer's house during the raid."

Later the police team produced Nayak before the ACJM-12 for transit remand to take him to Andhra Pradesh. The court turned down their petition, saying the visiting team did not follow due process. The court said that Andhra Pradesh police personnel neither possessed a valid arrest warrant nor an updated case diary. The court reprimanded AP police team for not wearing uniform.

No meat, fish near schools to curb 'child violence' in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE Bihar government has decided to ban the open sale of meat and fish near educational and religious institutions, as well as in crowded public areas across the state, citing health, social and environmental concerns.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha said the decision was aimed at preventing violent tendencies among children, promoting social harmony and protecting public health. "The decision was also taken in view of the state government's initiative to regulate the sale of meat in urban areas," he told the media on Monday.

While referring to a letter issued by the state urban development and housing department (UDHD) principal secretary, Sinha said the matter was discussed thoroughly at a meeting held by the department following feedback received during 'Jankalyan Samvad' interactions with intellectuals.

He asserted that the government was not opposed to the consumption of any food but stressed that people should adhere to the rules without any laxity. "We have no objection to anybody's food habits. However, social harmony must not be disturbed and sentiments associated with sanctity must not be hurt," Sinha added.

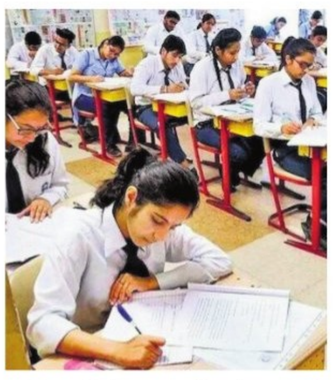
The Deputy CM said that the move was also aimed to ensure respect for public sentiments and check environmental pollution. He warned that action would be taken against those who failed to comply with the new regulations.

The move is in line with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led NDA government's roadmap under the 'Saat Nischay-3' programme, which aims to improve ease of living and ensure dignity for people.

"The state government is continuously working to make the daily lives of all citizens easier. In this regard, several important decisions have also been taken to ensure dignity and convenience for pedestrians," the deputy CM said, adding that the new government's new initiative clearly reflected changing character of Bihar.

Under the Bihar Municipal Act 2007, obtaining a licence under section 345 is mandatory to operate a meat shop. An individual can be fined or their products can be seized if violations are reported.

Meanwhile, union minister Giriraj Singh welcomed the state government's decision, stating that meat cutting and selling on open roads should be banned as it contributed to pollution and was also against cleanliness norms.



"We have no objection to anybody's food habits. However, social harmony must not be disturbed and sentiments associated with sanctity must not be hurt" —Vijay Kumar Sinha, Deputy CM

Unseasonal Feb rains sweep Gujarat, farmers fear massive crop damage

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

FRESH showers lashed the Ankleshwar and Jambusar talukas of Bharuch district in Gujarat on Monday morning, extending the weather disturbance that began across several districts on February 20.

The sudden spell quickly altered the weather pattern in Gandhinagar, where slow drizzle cooled the atmosphere but simultaneously heightened agricultural anxiety.

As the drizzle persisted, concern deepened because the showers arrived at a critical agricultural window, when Rabi crops across Gujarat are either ready for harvesting or already being cut. This timing has intensified fears that even light rainfall could inflict disproportionate damage, especially to wheat, cotton, tur, and vegetable crops that are currently in the most vulnerable stage.

Farmers now worry that prolonged moisture could blacken grains, spoil quality, and trigger rotting of harvested produce lying in fields. The anxiety is sharper because the rain threatens key staple crops such as wheat, gram, tur, coriander, and cumin, which form the backbone of the season's output. If the drizzle turns into sustained showers, the soaked produce risks fungal infection, discoloration and reduced market value, directly impacting farm incomes.

The timing of the weather shock has added to the distress, as months of costly seeds, irrigation expenses and round-the-clock labour were invested precisely to secure a timely harvest. Compounding the crisis, farmers are also struggling to protect harvested crops and stock lying in open agricultural fields and marketing yards, where sudden rain can cause irreversible damage. This exposure means that even a brief spell can undo weeks of preparation, forcing hurried tarpaulin covers and emergency transport arrangements that escalate logistical stress.

Cattle owners face a parallel challenge, as soaked fodder could reduce feed quality, affecting livestock health.

Weather uncertainty keeps farmers on edge

Cloudy conditions continue to prevail across many rural pockets of the state, and the persistence of overcast skies has added a layer of uncertainty to farm planning, keeping farmers on edge.

'Fire Warrior' drive to curb forest fire in J'khand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a bid to curb forest fires across the state, forest officials are set to launch a new community-driven initiative to achieve zero fire cases. As part of the campaign, nearly 28,000 villagers have been enlisted as "Fire Warriors" and connected through WhatsApp groups to enable swift reporting and coordinated response. The forest department plans to expand this grassroots network to 50,000 participants.

Sources said the focus this year is on strengthening community participation, with villagers to be trained in fire prevention and firefighting techniques. Selected members will be groomed as master trainers to widen outreach. Forest areas remain vulnerable to fires from February until the onset of the monsoon, and special vigilance will be maintained during this period. The department will coordinate with the Government of India, the Disaster Management Department and local communities.

Most forest fires are caused by human activities

Forest fires in India occur due to natural as well as human reasons. During summer, high temperatures, dry weather and strong winds make forests extremely vulnerable. However, most forest fires are caused by human activities. Forest dwellers usually burn dry leaves to collect mahua flowers or clear land for farming. Practices like shifting cultivation and open grazing also increase the chances of fire. Carelessness, such as throwing cigarette butts or not properly extinguishing campfires, further compounds the problem.

Awareness meetings are being held in schools, and public representatives are being included in the campaign. Officials have been directed to prepare district-level action plans and maintain direct contact with villagers. A review meeting with regional and divisional forest officers was held recently. Street plays and student-led prabhat pheris will be organised to spread awareness among people living near forests. Drones and satellite-based alert systems will be used to detect fires early. Control rooms will function round the clock at district and range levels, and a toll-free number will be issued. Fire lines measuring 10 to 20 metres in width will be reactivated to prevent flames from spreading.

Forest fire incidents in the state have risen by around 16 percent in recent years, with March and April the most critical months. Forests in West Singhbhum are the worst affected. Between 2001 and 2025, more than 10 percent of trees in the state have been damaged due to fires.

In a major achievement, forest fires in Palamu Tiger Reserve have decreased by up to 90 percent compared to previous years. Earlier, more than 2,000 incidents were reported there, causing heavy damage to flora and fauna. Once a forest caught fire, it engulfed at least 1.5 to 2 acres of land. Now, only about 10% of such incidents are being reported compared to earlier years. This decline followed a massive awareness drive among villagers.

Irrigation Department, Office of the Superintending Engineer, Project Circle, Kannur.

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

Name of work	GENERAL-DRIP-Phase II - Balnce Work-DRIP-Phase II-Karapuzha Irrigation Project-Rehabilitation and Optimisation of Dam and Appurtenances-General Civil Work
Tender Id	2026_PCKNR_833735_1
RFB No.	DRIP/KRP/SE/KNR/11/2025/26/NS, Dtd:06.02.2026
Date of publishing	06.02.2026
Bid Submission End Date	09.03.2026
EMD	6,38,000/-
Tender Class	A Class

Sd/-,

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EXTENSION OF COVER SHED AND ALLIED FACILITIES

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. invites **E-Tender Notice No: BCT/25-26/317 dt. 17/02/2026. Work and Location: Mumbai Central (CFO Yard) -** Extension of **Pit Line No. 5 & 6** along with cover shed (by 60 m) and allied facilities (Composite Tender). **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 9,34,30,532.59. **EMD:** ₹6,17,200/-. **Date & Time of Submission:** Till 17.03.2026, 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time of Opening:** On 17.03.2026 at 15:30 Hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1144

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Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M 230	CE / MM	Supply of Single Phase Smart meter 5-30A
M 231	CE / MM	Supply of Three Phase smart meters 10-60A and 20-100A

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Authorised Officer Name : G. Rajasekar : 9894601538 / 9740254699 / 8431115188

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION DATE : 27-03-2026 / Last Date for Bid Submission : 26-03-2026.

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of GIC Housing Finance Ltd. (GICHFL), under Securitization & Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Secusrity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrower/Mortgagor having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Sr. No.	File No/Branch Name / Name Of Borrower/ Co-Borrower	Property Address & Area Of Property Details(Built Up)	Demand notice issued date	Date of Physical Possession	Total Outstanding as on 13.02.2026 (Incl.POS, Interest and Other charges) (In Rupees)	Reserve Price (In Rupees)
1	KA0820600000204 / WHITE FIELD / MR. M. S. SUDHAKAR RAJU S/O MR. THOMAS SOLOMON RAJU MANDAPATI	Flat No. 404, 4Th Floor, "Pristine" Apartment, With A Super Built Up Area Of 1112 Sq.Ft., And Uds Of 249 Sq.Ft., Site No.22/2, Situated At Present Bbmp Kh. No. 160 Ward No. 192, Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bamgalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560100. And Flat Bounded On East By: Flat No 405, West By: Open To Sky, North By: Open To Sky & South By: Flat No 403.	27.08.2024	07.05.2025 (PHYSICAL)	5329464/-	4426650/-
2	KA0670600000903 / ELECTRONIC CITY / MR. Y. SURESH S/O MR. YEDDALA MUNIRATHNAM	Flat No.403, 4Th Floor, "Prakruthi Enclave" Apartment 2Bhk Flat, Measuring 1080 Sq.Ft., Of Super Built Up Area And 244 Sq.Ft., Of Uds, Khatha No. New BBMP Clubbed Khatha No. Bbmp Khatha No.500/472/408/472/318/2 (Old Khatha No.51/1), Ward No.189 Situated At Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Bounded On East By- Site Belongs To R.Nirmala, Ranganna And Papamma, West By- Common Passage, North By-Flat No.402 And South By-Flat No.404.	26.10.2021	13.11.2025 (PHYSICAL)	7781151/-	4484050/-
3	KA0670600000626 / ELECTRONIC CITY / MR. A LAWRENCE DSOUZA S/O MR. ANTHONY SUSAI	Flat No.402, 4Th Floor, "Prakruthi Enclave" Apartment 2Bhk Flat, Measuring 1030 Sq.Ft., Of Super Built Up Area And 232 Sq.Ft., Of Uds, Khatha No. New Bbmp Clubbed Khatha No. Bbmp Khatha No.500/472/408/472/318/2 (Old Khatha No.51/1), Ward No.189 Situated At Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Bounded On East By- Site Belongs To R.Nirmala, Ranganna And Papamma, West By- Common Passage, North By-Flat No.401 And South By-Flat No.403.	30.01.2020	13.11.2025 (PHYSICAL)	7744519/-	4384200/-
4	KA0670600000892 / ELECTRONIC CITY / MR. SURENDRAREDDY S/O MR. P. R. KONDAPURAM & MRS. M. NAGASREEVANI D/O MR. GOPALREDDY MOUGIREDDY GARI	Flat No.303, 3Rd Floor, "Prakruthi Enclave" Apartment 2Bhk Flat, Measuring 1080 Sq.Ft., Of Super Built Up Area And 244 Sq.Ft., Of Uds, Khatha No. New Bbmp Clubbed Khatha No. Bbmp Khatha No.500/472/408/472/318/2 (Old Khatha No.51/1), Ward No.189 Situated At Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Bounded On East By- Site Belongs To R.Nirmala, Ranganna And Papamma, West By- Common Passage, North By-Flat No.302 And South By-Flat No.304.	26.10.2021	13.11.2025 (PHYSICAL)	10219342/-	4484050/-
5	KA0020610003511 / BANGALORE / MR. GOLLAHALLI SRINATHA S/O MR. GOVINDA REDDY GOLLAHALLI	Flat No. 201, 1St Floor (2Bhk), "Urban Retreat" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1150 Sq.Ft., And Uds Of 408.25 Sq.Ft.,Site No.128, Khatha No.1003/226/128 Situated At Heelagi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District And Flat Bounded On East By-Flat No-202, West By-Open To Space, North By-Open To Space And South By-Corridor.	15.09.2019	02.03.2022 (PHYSICAL)	9404521/-	3135000/-
6	KA0020610003407 / BANGALORE / MR. VERMA SACHIN S/O OM PRAKASH VERMA	Flat No. 202, 1St Floor (2Bhk), "Urban Retreat" Apartment, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1156 Sq.Ft., And Uds Of 410.38 Sq.Ft.,Site No.128, Khatha No.1003/226/128 Situated At Heelagi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District And Flat Bounded On East By-Flat No-202, West By-Open To Space, North By-Open To Space And South By-Corridor.	15.09.2019	02.03.2023 (PHYSICAL)	9221517/-	3153150/-
7	KA0020610003804 / BANGALORE / MR. NARASAIAH NARAYANA MURTHY S/O MR. NARASAIAH	Flat No.107, First Floor, "Mvs Orchids" Apartment, Measuring With A Super Built Up Area Of 1080 Sq.Ft., And Uds Of 359 Sq.Ft., Site No'S. 53 To 70, Amalgamated Site No.01 Vide Khatha No.504, Sy No.30 Situated At Kavalahosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District And Flat Bounded On East By-Common Corridor, West By-Open To Sky, North By-Open To Sky And South By-Open To Sky.	18.07.2023	11.09.2024 (PHYSICAL)	6141233/-	2873450/-
8	KA0020610003370 / BANGALORE / MR. SIGATAPU TUSHMABALA S/O MR. SIGATAPU CH RAMA KRISHNA BABU	Flat No.05, 2Nd Floor, "Malnad Siri" Apartment, With A Super Built Up Area Of 1132 Sq.Ft., And Uds 267 Sq.Ft., Kh No.51/1/18/3, Sy No.18/3, Ward No.196, Alahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Flat Bounded On East By-Open To Sky, West By-Corridor, North By-Flat No.04 And South By-Flat No.06.	02.08.2021	13.03.2024 (PHYSICAL)	8433119/-	4688300/-

DATE OF E-AUCTION & TIME : 27-03-2026 at the Web-Portal (www.auctionbazaar.com) from 3.00 PM TO 04:00 PM. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.

Last date of submission of Tender/Sealed Bid in the prescribed tender form along with EMD & KYC either through online mode or at the above mentioned GICHFL Office at 26-03-2026 before 5.00 PM.

Further to this **PUBLIC NOTICE** for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) GICHFL invites **OFFERS EITHER** in sealed cover/s or in Online mode to purchase the said properties on "**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. **E-Auction** is being held on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis',** and will be conducted **"Online".** The E-Auction will be conducted through GICHFL approved Eauction service provider **"ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED"**
2. **The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.auctionbazaar.com/ and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED, 6-3-1090/1/1, II Floor, Part B, Uma Hyderabad House,, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad – 500082, Telangana. Office Landline No. 8370969696 Backend Team : Ms. M. Kiranmai – Mobile: 799704399 Email ID : contact@auctionbazaar.com / support@auctionbazaar.com, Property Enquiries Contact : G. RAJASEKAR : 9894601538 / 9740254699 / 8431115188**
3. The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.
4. Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction.
5. **Once Intending Bidder** formally registers as a qualified tenderer before authorized officer of GICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting document. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider.
6. The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the reserve price mentioned above.
7. Intending bidders are required to deposit Earnest Money Deposit/s (EMD) @ 10% of the abovesaid respective reserve prices, by way of DD/RTGS/NEFT favouring GIC Housing Finance Ltd. Bank details are as follows: **Bank Name: UNION BANK OF INDIA, A/c No: 005111010000039 - A/c Name: GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD AUCTION A/C, Branch Name : LCB, FORT Address : UBI, 239 BACKBAY RECLAMATIO NARIMAN POINT MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA PINCODE 400021. IFSC Code - UBIN0800511.**
8. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest.
9. The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted either "online" through the portal **www.auctionbazaar.com/** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & address proof, to the service provider or through submitting sealed cover comprising bid form, EMD and KYC documents and it should reach the respective branch offices of GIC Housing Finance Ltd., mentioned above on or before EMD Submission due date.
10. That, after opening the tenders, the intending bidders who have submitted their bids for not less than the reserve price will be given an opportunity at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer to increase the bidding amount.
11. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
12. Bidders are bound by the principle of "caveat emptor" (Buyer Beware) and advised to conduct their own due diligence to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity and maintenance dues etc., of the firm or Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties other than the sale price...
13. The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name.
14. The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire /sale price.
15. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the EAuction Sale.
16. Inspection of the above said properties can be given on request and as per convenience of Authorized Officer.
17. The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
18. GICHFL is not responsible for any liability whatsoever pending upon the properties as mentioned above. The property shall be auctioned on **"As is where is", "As is what is", Whatever there is" and without any recourse basis.**
19. In case the borrowers'/mortgagor approaches GICHFL before confirmation of sale, offering contractual dues + expenses + interest @ 15 % from date of proclamation of sale + 5% of the purchase money (in case after sale which is to be paid to successful bidder) and requests for cancellation of the sale, GICHFL shall accept the amount and hand over the possession to mortgagor
20. The highest bidder has to pay 25% (inclusive of earnest money deposited) of the bid amount in terms of the sale notice immediately and the balance 75% of the bid amount is payable in 15 days or such other extended period as agreed upon between the parties (AO and the successful bidder). However, Authorized Office is to be confirmed sale certificate after expiry of 30 days from the date of sale and in no case the sale is to be confirmed before expiry of 30 days from the date of sale. Only after receipt of full payment, sale to be confirmed and the sale certificate to be issued.
21. **Minimum Bid increment value is Rs.10,000/-**

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

For detailed terms and Conditions of the sale and full description of the properties please refer to the website of approved e-auction service provider ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED and website www.auctionbazaar.com

For GIC Housing Finance Ltd.
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Date : 24.02.2026
Place : WHITE FIELD / ELECTRONIC CITY / BANGALORE

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New Extension, Near ITO, Doom Light Circle, Kolar Town - 563 101.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E-Auction arranged by the service provider : **E-bkray (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.ebkray@psballiance.com / support.ebkray@procure247.com).**

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	E-Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Date & Time	1) Incremetal Value at Bid 2) A/c. No. & IFSC
2) 1. Ayub Ali S/o. Syed Munavar, No. 12, Parvathipura, IInd Cross, Hosakote, Karnataka-562114. **2. Mohseen Unnisa,** W/o. Ayub Ali, No. 12, Parvathipura, IInd Cross, Hosakote, Karnataka-562114. **3. National Traders, Prop. Ayub Ali** S/o. Syed Munavar, Mahalasadevi Complex, Near Ayyappa Temple, College Road M V Extension, Hosakote-562114.	**Rs. 1,57,34,992/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty seven lakh thirty four thousand nine hundred and ninety two Only) as on 21.02.2026 plus un applied interest w.e.f 22.02.2026 and Bank charges.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property (Land & Building) at Site no 105, Hoskote Municipal Khata No. 13971/1125/124/4/105, PID no. 46-1037-199, carved out of Survey no 124/4, in the NISARGA HI TECH Phase, 5th Layout formed in the land converted for non-agricultural residential use [vide official memorandum No ALN.(H.K).CR.4/11-12 dated 19-07-2011 issued by deputy commissioner Bengaluru Rural Dist.] in Survey No. 124/4 situated at Kannurahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist - 562114, with approval from the Hoskote planning authority and measuring to an extent East-West 18.29 mtrs and North-South : 9.00 mtrs , totally measuring 164.61 Sq. Meters or 1772 sqft situated at Kannurahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural Dist., **Boundaries : East :** Site No. 104, **West :** 12 Mtrs Road, North : Site No. 106, South : Sy No. 124/1.	**17.03.2026 from 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,60,00,000/-** **EMD : Rs. 16,00,000/-** **on or before 16.03.2026, 5.00 p.m.**	1) Multiples of Rs. 25,000/- 2) A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC : **CNRB0007898** **Encumbrance (s) : Not known to Bank**

Note : As on date, No Encumbrance Known to Bank for the above mention properties.

Other terms and Conditions : a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment of Authorized Officer, **on or before 16.03.2026- 5.00 PM** between bank working hours. c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **(https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan." e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details **on or before 16.03.2026- 5.00 PM** to **Canara Bank, ARM Branch Kolar** by hand or by email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail ID. iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. f) The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://ebkray.in/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider **https://baanknet.com/, (Helpdesk Number : 8291220220 support.baanknet@psballiance.com /E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com /).** g) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. h) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only).** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. i) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), on the same day or not later than next working day on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance on or before 15 days from the date of confimation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, within the period started above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. j) **For Immovables :** For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only**) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct **TDS at the rate 1%** on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. k) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. l) There is no encumbrance in the property to the knowledge of the bank. Successful Bidder is liable to pay all society dues, municipal taxes / panchayat taxes / electricity/ water charges / other charges, duties and taxes whatsoever, including outstanding, if any, in respect of and/or affecting the subject property. m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postphone/cancel or very the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach oncerned Kolar ARM Branch, who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. o) For further details contact **The DIVISIONAL MANAGER,KOLAR ARM BRANCH,CANARA BANK, Phone No. 9760205654 / 08152227898, email:cb7898@canarabank.com** (or): or the service provider **(https://baanknet.com/) (Helpdesk Number : 8291220220 support.baanknet@psballiance.com / E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com /).**

Special Instruction/Caution

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 21.02.2026
Place : Kolar

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Roshni Sharma (Borrower) Shishu Pal Sharma (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006968719/ LBBNG00006972121	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. B-102 Bearing Property Id No: 150300201901020420 In The First Floor of B Block Measuring About 1006 Sq. Ft. or 93 Sq.mt Containing 2 Bed Rooms As Per Plan, Provided With Vitrified Flooring, Together With One Car Parking, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase Contained In The Multi Storied Building Known As "Sky Gold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property. West: Passage And Flat No. B-107 East By: Set Back Area & Drive Way North By: B 101 & Staircase South By: Flat No. B-103	Rs. 74,43, 309/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 37,00, 000/- Rs. 3,70, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
2.	Mrs. Shruti Singh (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006885586/ LBBNG00006906589	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. A-204 On Second Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-Khatha No.150300201901021338 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By: Passage & A-209 North By: A-203 South By: A-205	Rs. 67,44,160/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 36,00, 000/- Rs. 3,60, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
3.	Mr. Rishi Gupta (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006992937	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Flat Bearing No. A-404 On Fourth Floor Measuring 1040 Sq. Ft. of Super Built-Up Area Having Khatha No.150300201901021325, Along With One Covered Car Parking Space Earmarked For That Purpose In The Stilt Floor of The Multistoried Residential Building Known As "Sky Gold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview", Constructed In The Property Described In The Schedule 'A' Property With Right To Pass Through All The Common Passages, Leading To The Main Road And Free of Ingress And Egress At All Times And Entitled For All The Common Areas, Amenities And Bounded On The: East By: Set Back And Driveway, West By: Passage And Lift Area, North By: Flat No. A-403, South By: Flat No. A-405.	Rs. 71,86,662/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- Rs. 3,90, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
4.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858918	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. A-108 On First Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevan Keerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-khatha No. 150300201901021333 Apartment Measuring 1053 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Flat No.105 & Passage, West By: Set Back Area & Driveway, North By: Set Back Area & Flat No.109 South By: A-107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 74,31,217/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- Rs. 3,90, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
5.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858893	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment A-102 On First Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevan Keerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-Khatha No.150300201901021332 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By: A-110 & Passage, North By: Flat No. A-101 South By: Flat No. A-103 107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 71,97,423/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 39,50, 000/- Rs. 3,95, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
6.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858888	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. B-108 On Second Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevan Keerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-Khatha No.150300201901021338 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By: Passage & A-209 North By: A-203 South By: A-205: Flat No. A-103 107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 73,31,156/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- Rs. 3,90, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
7.	Mr. Farhanaz Khan (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006682069/ LBBNG00006754030	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. A-501 On Fifth Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevan Keerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-Khatha No.150300201901021308 Apartment Measuring 1045 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By: A-511 & Passage, North By South By: Setback Area & B Block: Flat No. A-502 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 69,90,397/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 40,00, 000/- Rs. 4,00, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM
8.	Mr. Rohan Jerome Dsouza (Borrower) Jyothi M Crasta (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006753792/ LBBNG00006755985	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. B-302 On Third Floor of The Building of Sky Gold Jeevan Keerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-Khatha No.150300201901021348 Apartment Measuring 1006 Sqft Super Built-Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By: Set Back Area & Drive Way, West By North By South By: Passage & Flat No. B-307,: Stair Case & Flat No B-301,: Flat No. B-303 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 64,41,033/- (As on February 18, 2026)	Rs. 38,00, 000/- Rs. 3,80, 000/-	March 07, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 13, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-https://assets.matexactions.com).of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by March 12, 2026 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 on or before March 12, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March 12, 2026 before 05:00 PM. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 on or March 12, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. on 7304918084

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited, 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd, 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd, 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd, 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd, 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd, 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : February 24, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

$588 billion
to rebuild Ukraine from destruction caused by Russia's four-year invasion

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

HOW 'EL MENCHO' BUILT HIS EMPIRE

THE MEXICAN ARMY HAS KILLED THE COUNTRY'S MOST POWERFUL CARTEL LEADER AND ONE OF THE UNITED STATES' MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. A LOOK

AN 'OLD-STYLE' DRUG LORD

- Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes built his rise to power through violence and bloodshed, but for several years he could not rival the cartels that dominated the US border region
- Rather than confront them directly, he focused on other markets and broadened his drug portfolio
- He kept a low profile for much of his career, rarely appearing in public
- Often described as the last of the old-style drug lords, operating in the same flashy and brutal mould as Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán and Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada

- The United States listed him as its most-wanted trafficker, offering a 15 million dollar reward for his capture
- After the extradition of Guzmán and Zambada, he turned the Jalisco New Generation Cartel into the most powerful cartel in Mexico, building a vast network of hitmen and expanding across several states
- Last year, the United States Department of State designated his Jalisco New Generation Cartel a terrorist organisation

BLOODY ASCENDANCY

1994 He was tried in the United States for heroin trafficking and sentenced to three years in prison. After returning to Mexico, he quickly rose through the country's drug trafficking underworld

2009 He founded the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), which became Mexico's fastest-growing criminal organisation, trafficking cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and migrants to the United States

2015 During a wave of terror in Jalisco, CJNG gunmen ambushed members of Mexico's national gendarmerie and a state police convoy on a highway, using a rocket-propelled grenade to shoot down a military helicopter

2020 He ordered an unprecedented attack on Mexico City's then chief of police, Omar García Harfuch, severely wounding him and killing three others

Violence grips Mexico after high-profile drug lord eliminated by security forces

GUADALAJARA

TWENTY-FIVE Mexican troops died in clashes with cartel gunmen following a raid that led to the death of the country's most-wanted drug lord, a top security official said on Monday.

Nemesio "El Mencho" Oseguera, leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), was wounded Sunday in a shootout with soldiers in the town of Tapalpa, in Jalisco state, and died while being flown to Mexico City, the army said.

News of his death triggered spasms of violence, with cartel members across the country blocking roads in 20 states and torching vehicles and businesses.

At least 25 National Guard members were killed in subsequent clashes, Security Secretary Omar Garcia Harfuch said.

Harfuch added that a prison guard, a member of the state prosecutor's office and 30 suspected members of Oseguera's criminal organization were also killed.

Oseguera had a $15 million US bounty on his head.

A charred vehicle sits at a damaged supermarket in Guadalajara, Jalisco state, Mexico, on Sunday as violence erupted following the killing of a drug lord | AP

Eight suspected cartel gunmen were killed in the special forces operation to capture him and three soldiers were wounded, Defense Secretary Ricardo Trevilla said.

Fearful residents went into hiding, and tourists took shelter in their hotels and resorts as cartel members went on the rampage.

While US President Donald Trump had yet to respond publicly to the elimination of Oseguera, he posted briefly on his Truth Social platform: "Mexico must step up their effort on Cartels and Drugs!"

Although the violence appeared to be subsiding, Mexico remained on high alert.

The government sent 2,500 troops to Jalisco -- a state that is scheduled to host four World Cup soccer games this summer.

The streets of Jalisco's state capital Guadalajara were almost empty on Monday.

Schools, stores, pharmacies and gas stations remained shuttered, all events involving large crowds were cancelled and public transportation was suspended. *AFP*

EU puts US trade deal on ice after court ruling

Bloc's lawmakers seek clarity from White House; vote on pact put off

WASHINGTON

EUROPEAN Union lawmakers on Monday put a key trade deal with the United States on hold, demanding clarity after a Supreme Court ruling struck down many of President Donald Trump's tariffs.

The move came as Trump warned that countries seeking to "play games" with tariffs risked much higher duties.

Uncertainty has gripped markets since the Supreme Court ruled Friday that Trump does not have the authority to impose tariffs under a 1977 law he has relied on—to which Trump responded by imposing a new 15 percent global duty on a different legal basis.

That new threat raised worries in Brussels over its implications for the US trade deal struck last July, since European officials and lawmakers say EU goods could face higher duties than under the terms of the agreement. Parliament negotiators backed putting the deal on ice until it is clearer what the US ruling means, postponing a vote that was due to take place Tuesday.

"We want to have clarity from the United States that they are respecting the deal," the committee head, Bernd Lange, said, adding the negotiators would meet again on March 4.

"In view of the current enormous uncertainty, a vote would not be justifiable," Green lawmaker Anna Cavazzini said.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told US media Sunday that deals with China, the EU and other partners will remain in force.

But European Commission spokesman Olof Gill said Brussels could not take further decisions until it had further clarity from the United States.

"We look forward to our American counterparts explaining to us precisely what is happening," Gill told reporters in Brussels. After Friday's ruling, Trump responded first with a new 10 percent global duty on imports under a different legal authority, before raising it to 15 percent.

Trump has said the new duties are due to kick in on Tuesday, with exemptions for some products. They will expire in 150 days unless Congress extends them.

China on Monday urged the United States to cancel the unilateral tariffs, while several countries are studying the Supreme Court ruling and Trump's subsequent tariff announcements. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

First session of new B'desh House on Mar 12

DHAKA: President Mohammad Shahabuddin on Monday summoned the first session of the 13th Parliament on March 12, nearly a month after the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) formed the government after winning the Feb 12 crucial general elections. "The President convened the session by exercising the authority vested in him under Article 72(1) of the Constitution of Bangladesh," a Jatiya Sangsad statement said. It said the first sitting of the maiden session of the new parliament, with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) having a two-thirds majority and far-right Jamaat-e-Islami being the main opposition, would start at 11 am. BNP spokesman and home minister in Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's cabinet, Salahuddin Ahmed, earlier said the session would elect a new speaker.

Iran tensions: US orders some diplomats to leave Lebanon

BEIRUT

THE United States on Monday ordered non-emergency personnel to leave its embassy in Beirut as President Donald Trump threatens strikes on Iran, which has close relations with Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah.

"This is a temporary measure intended to ensure the safety of our personnel while maintaining our ability to operate and assist US citizens," a senior State Department official said on customary condition of anonymity. The order applies to non-emergency employees and their family members but the embassy will remain open. Since the October 7, 2023 attacks by Iranian-backed Hamas, Israel has carried out strikes in Lebanon that have devastated Hezbollah, including killing its leader Hassan Nasrallah. Hezbollah had been expected in the past to form another front against Israel in a war with Iran. The militant group on Saturday vowed "resistance" after a new Israeli strike killed eight of its operatives. Iran's deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi warned of the risk of a wider escalation if his country was attacked, after US President Donald Trump raising the threat of strikes. "We call upon all nations committed to peace and justice to take meaningful steps to prevent further escalation.

The consequences of any renewed aggression wouldn't remain confined to one country and responsibility would rest with those who initiate or support such actions," Gharibabadi said at the Conference on Disarmam.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel was facing "complex and challenging days" as tensions escalate between the US and Iran following President Trump's threat of strikes should Tehran refuse to accept a new nuclear agreement. *AFP*

EPSTEIN CASE

UK police arrest Peter Mandelson

LONDON

LONDON police on Monday arrested Britain's former ambassador to the United States, Peter Mandelson, amid allegations over his ties to disgraced US financier Jeffrey Epstein. "Officers have arrested a 72-year-old man on suspicion of misconduct in public office," the Metropolitan Police said in a statement. Images on UK television appeared to show Mandelson being driven away from his north London home accompanied by a man and a woman, after police raided his properties earlier this month.

"He was arrested at an address in Camden on Monday, 23 February and has been taken to a London police station for interview," the Met added. The arrest comes days after ex-prince Andrew, King Charles III's younger brother, was arrested in a misconduct in public office probe also related to the latest release of documents related to Epstein. *AFP*

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CORRIGENDUM - II

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Modification to Audio & Video Studio at Main Building, Main Campus, URSC – Civil Work including Acoustic & Lighting Design.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/34/2025-26 dated: 16/01/2026
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 13.28 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 04/03/2026
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 11/03/2026
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.31 hrs on 11/03/2026

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-,
Group Director, C & MG, URSC

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APPENDIX-IV
Security Interest (Enforcement) Act 2002, Rule-8(1)

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Ashokanagar Co-operative Bank Limited, No.1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashokanagar, BSK I Stage, II Block, Bangalore-560 050,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act 2002, (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule [3] of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated. **23.12.2025** calling upon the borrowers **1. Mr.Nandeesh.B.S S/o Shivalinge Gowda ,2. Banashankari Dental Care & Surgery Center Prop Mr.Nandeesh.B.S, 3. Mrs. Priya Darshini** to repay the loan amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,26,38,870 .00./- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Six lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Only)** as **on 23.12.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in General that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in excise of the powers conferred on him under section (4) of section 13 of Act, read with Rule 8 of the security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **23rd day of February, 2026.**

The Borrower in Particular and the Public in General are here by cautioned **NOT TO DEAL WITH THE PROPERTY** and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Ashokanagar Co-operative Bank Limited, No.1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashokanagar, BSK I Stage, II Block, Bangalore-560 050 for an amount of being **Rs.2,26,38,870 .00./- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Six lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Only) as on 23.12.2025** and interest there on and other charges.

[The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.]

Name of the Borrower	Amount Payable	Description of the Immovable Property
1.Mr.Nandeesh.B.S S/o Shivalinge Gowda, No 4 Bairava Nilaya 5th Cross Near Rama Rao Layout Kathriguppe Banashankari 3rd Stage Bangalore 560085 **2.Banashankari Dental Care & Surgery Center** Prop Mr.Nandeesh.B.S No 4 Bairava Nilaya 5th Cross Near Rama Rao Layout Kathriguppe Banashankari 3rd Stage Bangalore 560085 **3. Mrs. Priya Darshini** No 4 Bairava Nilaya 5th Cross Near Rama Rao Layout Kathriguppe Banashankari 3rd Stage Bangalore 560085	**Rs.2,26,38,870/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Six lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Only) as on 23.12.2025** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization	All that piece and parcel of The immovable property bearing Site No.04, Khatha No.100/1-A-2, Municipal No.4 (Old No.100/1-A-2) Property PID No.54-301-4. E-Asthi PID No 3043202364 Situated at Kattaraguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Old Ward No.54, New Ward No 163, Newly 5th Cross, Kaveri Nagara, Bangalore City, measuring EAST TO West 28 feet and North to South 57 feet all total measuring 1596 Sq.ft., along with RCC roofed house and bounded on the :- East by : Private Property West by : Property No.5 North by : Road; South by : Ramarao Layout/ Private property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23-02-2026

For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client **G P PRAKASH** S/o., Puttaswamappa, has entered in to a sale agreement pertaining to the below mentioned schedule of property from its Owners viz.,**NAGARAJ SHETTY**, S/o. Lakshman Shetty, **SRINIVAS SHETTY N** S/o Nagaraj Shetty and **MANJUNATH SHETTY N** S/o Nagaraj Shetty.

Any person having any claim, right, title, or interest in respect of the said property or any part thereof including by the way of sale, conveyance, assignment, transfer, exchange, gift, mortgage, lien, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, share, license or a claim in the nature of a dispute, suit, decree, other restrictive convenants, order of injunction, hypothecation, charge, attachment, requisition, acquisition easement, encumbrance, covenant right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with notarised /supporting documentary evidence within a period of Fifteen (15) days from the date of the publication hereof, failing which **G P PRAKASH** will treat that there is no third party claims/ objections /disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter the claims of such person/s objections/ dispute will not be entertained and his right will be deemed to have been waived and /or abandoned and my client will proceed the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site No.13, e.PID No.1193269126, BBMP Katha No.6625/34/2/13, situated at Chikkabettahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 03 (Attur). Including all rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereto and the site is bounded as follows : **East by** : Site bearing No. 18, **West by** : Road, **North by**: Private Property, **South by** : Site bearing No.12

We law Advocates
G3, Aakar Apartment, V S Raju Road, Kumarpark West, Bengaluru 560020
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Prakyath Shetty K
WE LAW Advocates

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Sridhara,** S/o. late A.Y. Venkataswamy Reddy, aged about 63 years, residing at No.51, 3rd Cross, Nambiar Ellegenza, Gopasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, is the absolute owner of property bearing site No.30, assessment No.44/2, khata No.424, BBMP property No.2522/44/2/30, new PID No.1170465222, measuring 40 ft. x 60 ft., situated at Srigandadakavalu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Jnanabharathi ward No. 129, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, bounded on the East: Site No.31; West: Site No.29; North: Site No.35; and South: Road, and the same has been purchased by my client from its owners under a registered sale deed dated 1.4.2016, registered as document No.PNY-1-00006-2016-17, stored in CD No.PNYD37, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Peenya, Bengaluru. On 15.2.2026, when my client was proceeding in a two-wheeler from his residence to Muthanallur Circle, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, for taking xerox of all the original title deeds of the above property i.e., original registered sale deed dated 15.5.1989, registered as document No.955/1989-90; original gift deed dated 23.7.2014, registered as document No. NGB-1-03721-2014-15; original sale agreement dated 10.2.2016, registered as document PNY-1-07233-2015-16, he has lost all these title deeds. In this regard, my client had lodged a complaint on 21.2.2026, before the Suryanagara Police Station, Anekal Taluk and the police have issued an endorsement in lost report No.2074817/2026 dated 21.2.2026. Any person/s who founds the above original title documents in respect of the said property may kindly handover the same to the undersigned. In case if anybody misuse the above said title deeds the said person/s will be liable for criminal action.

A.N. JAGANNATHA REDDY, Advocate
No. 39/2, ASVNV Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Opp. SBI, K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009
Email:jagannathareddyreddy049@gmail.com
Mob.: 93419 55414, 72592 16162.
Dated: 23.02.2026.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

Original Application No. 31/2022
BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND: SRI. M/S EUREKA PUBLICATION & OTHERS ...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993,

To, **M/S EUREKA PUBLICATION,** A Proprietary concern having office at, No.190, 6th A Sector, I stage, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its proprietor SRI. GOUTHAM.G,. S/o Sri. Govardhan Upadhyaya. & OTHERS

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of Rs. 46,38,524.45 (Rupees Fourty Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Four and Fourty Five Paisa Only), with respect to the Loan Accounts, along with future interest @ 11.60% per annum as on 31.07.2021 and in additional penal interest of 2% per Annum, from 01.08.2021 till the date of realization; together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by Tribunal.

You are directed to appear before the DRT I bangalore on **26-02-2026** at 11:00 A.M., in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 21-01-2026

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby given Public Notice that our client M/s. S S Constructions, A Partnership Firm having its office at No.13, Ground Floor, 8th Cross, RR Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore – 560056, Represented by its Partner's Sri. D.R. Madhusudhan and Sri. R. Ramesh Babu, have entered into a Memorandum of Understating on 19.02.2026 with the owner of Item No.1 and Item No.2 of the Schedule Property i.e., Basavaraj Goudar and Chandrakala Kempanna, the said Memorandum of Understating have entered for construction of residential Apartment in Item No.1 of Schedule Property and formation of Road in Item No.2 of Schedule Property. In the said Memorandum of Understating our client is also entitled for 65% of Saleable area in the Residential building constructed on Item no.1 of Schedule Property and having easementory rights over Item No.2 of Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendors/Owners having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within (7 days) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1:
All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential **Vacant Site bearing No.1, Property No. 265/19/2/1 and EPID No. 4400543781**, situated at Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West: 120 feet and North to South: 90 feet, presently within the administrative limits of BBMP Ward No. 198 of Hemmigepura, **totally measuring 10,800 Square feet** along with all other rights, easement, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bound as follows:
East : Narayanappa property;
West : Prasad Reddy and Patel K. Honappa Property;
North : Narayanappa Property;
South : Ramakrishnappa Property.

Item No.2:
All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential Vacant **Site bearing No.7** (carved out of Survey No.21/1D), **Khata No. 463/1189/21/1D-7 and EPID No. 2026425240**, in the layout known as " Royal Green Residency Layout', situated at Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West: (48+45.9)/2 feet and North to South: 30 feet, presently within the administrative limits of BBMP Ward No. 198 of Hemmigepura, **totally measuring 1406 Square feet** along with all other rights, easement, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bound as follows:
East : Private Property;
West : Road;
North : Site bearing No.6;
South : Site bearing No.8.

B. S. Anantha Krishna,
BSA LAW PARTNERS, Advocate
No.631/118, 9th Cross Prakash Nagar, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560021,
M No: 7411490256
Mail Id: bsananthakrishna1980@gmail.com
Date: 24.02.2026, Place: Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE DISTRICT AND SESSION JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL BENGALURU, COMMERCIAL COURT
Com. Ex. No. 488/2025

BETWEEN : Mr. Panackel Peter Verghese and Another ...**Decree Holders**
AND : Mr. D.R.S.L.S.N Murthy and Others ...**Judgement Debtors**

NOTICE TO JUDGEMENT DEBTORS NO.1,3,10 and 15 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20-A OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908.

1. D.R.S.I.S.N. Murthy, Aged about 59 years, S/o. Sri. D. Sathyanarayana Murthy, R/at : No.19, 1st Cross, Gokul Extension, HMT Layout, Bangalore-560054. ...**Judgement Debtor No.1**

2. Sri. B. Krishnappa, S/o. Late. H. Bassappa, Aged about 42 years, R/at Doddajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Bangalore -502157. ...**Judgement Debtor No.3**

3. Sri. B. Sonnegowda, S/o. Late. H. Bassappa, Aged about 53 years, Residing at Doddajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore-562157. ...**Judgement Debtor No.10**

4. Sri. Annamdevula Nageswara Rao, S/o. A. Venkataveera Bhadrudu, Aged about 58 years, R/at No. 37, Nanjappa Layout, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Vidyaranayapura, Bangalore-560 097. ...**Judgement Debtor No.15**

Whereas, the Decree Holders herein have filed the above-mentioned Commercial Execution Number 488/2025 against the Judgement Debtors for the Execution of the Arbitral Award dated 24.04.2023 passed in A.C.No.31/2021, seeking for the attachment and sale of the Schedule Property mentioned below and for.. arrest and detention of the Judgements Debtors till the satisfaction of the Arbitral Award. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court of ADDL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL, BENGALURU, COMMERCIAL COURT (10TH P.D.J). either in person or through a pleader to answer the claim of the Decree Holder on **07/03/2026 at 11.00 a.m.,** failing which the case will be heard and decided Ex-Parte on merits.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immoveable properties measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas in Sy.No. 34/4, 01 Acre 34 Guntas in Sy.No. 35, 04 Acres and 21 Guntas in Sy. No. 36, converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural purpose vide conversion order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(N.A). 216/2004-05 dated 26-10-2004 and 01 Acre in Sy.No. 37/1, 01 Acre 07 Guntas in Sy.No. 37/2 and 2 Acres in Sy.No. 37/3 duly converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR. (N.A).217/2004-05 dated 26-10-2004 in total measuring 12 acres situated at Doddajala Village, Jala Hobli, Barigalore North Taluk and bounded on the: -

East by : Nala and Road, **West by :** Land in Sy.No. 38, remaining land in Sy.No. 34/4, land in Sy.No.34/3 and Sy.No.35. **North by :** Remaining land in Sy.No. 34/4 and land in Sy.No. 38; and,
South by : Land in Sy. Nos. 10 & 11 and Road.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT ON THIS DAY 23/02/2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar,
Commercial Court Bengaluru (R) Dist III Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangaluru - 01.

Advocate for Decree Holders

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I
No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27.03.2026 (11.00 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 4,62,19,155.94/-,** as on 19.02.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. M/s. Nuv Vellore LLP,** No. 10/6 4th Floor, Lavelle Road, Bangalore- 560001. **Also at :** M/s. Nuv Vellore LP, NH46 (L&T Rest Area), Mottur Village, Abdhullapuram, Vellore, Tamilnadu, Pin 632010. **2. Mr. Venkata Srikanth Nuvvala (Partner),** Sri Towers Flat No. 401, Sivaji Road, Ayyappa Nagar, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520007. **3. Mr. K R Ramalingaiah (Partner),** S/o. R V Rrajagopalaia, 8- 6- 6, Kamsalpet Hindupur, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh - 515201. **4. Mrs. Sowmya M R (Mortgagor & Guarantor),** W/o. Girijashankar B L, 145, 60 Ft Road, 5th Stage Beml Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore- 560098.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **26.03.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in Lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value
1	All that part and parcel of converted land bearing Sy. No. 240/4, vide Conversion Order No. ALN(S)SR(K)177/2009-10, measuring an extent of 17.22 Guntas (18751 sq ft) out of 30 Guntas situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and now comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Division, Bangalore, vide BBMP Khatha No. 1037/240/4/1 and bounded on : East by : 60 feet road, West by : Sy. No. 241 and remaining portion of Sy. No. 240/4, North by : Road and Sy. No. 240/7, South by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 240/4. Property Owned by Mrs. Sowmya M R W/o. Girijashankar B L	**Rs. 1187.76**	**Rs. 118.776**	**Rs. 1.00**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 9901642631, and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 21.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

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QuoteExpress **THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED** › MARK TWAIN

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Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
479.95 ▲ Sensex	83,294.66	₹2,070 ▲ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹161,500	₹25,000 ▲ 1 kg	₹300,000	▼ Dollar	90.74
141.75 ▲ Nifty	25,713.00	₹1,900 ▲ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹148,050	₹250 ▲ 10 gm	₹3,000	▲ Euro	107.30

Banks must prioritise deposit mobilisation, customer engagement, prudent lending, she says

FM warns banks against mis-selling

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman has once again called on banks to refocus on core banking activities, cautioning against excessive diversification, aggressive lending practices, and the mis-selling of financial products.

Speaking at a press interaction in New Delhi on Monday, she said banks must prioritise deposit mobilisation, customer engagement and prudent lending — fundamentals of what she described as "core banking."

"To know your customer, reach out to them, mobilise deposits and make your money from what you are meant to do. That is core banking," she said. The minister noted that a few years ago, several banks had stretched themselves beyond traditional functions, expanding into multiple activities while losing the comfort of low-cost CASA (Current Account Savings Account) deposits. At the same time, the government tightened oversight and pushed for more professional handling of credit assessment and performance standards.

She criticised aggressive lending practices undertaken "too far, too soon," including loans extended without adequate asset backing. This, she said, weakened banks' balance sheets at a time when the government had made it clear that automatic capital infusion would not be the norm.

Recalling interactions with banks seeking capital support, the FM said she had conveyed that institutions must improve governance and performance standards to raise capital from the market instead of depending on government funds. The minister flagged concerns around mis-selling of insurance products by banks, describing it as a major issue.

She pointed to instances where home loan borrowers — who had already pledged property as collateral — were asked to purchase additional insurance products despite having adequate coverage. "Why should he cover himself with another insurance when he already has life insurance, health insurance and fire insurance?" she asked.

Sitharaman suggested that regulatory coordination gaps had allowed such practices to persist, as insurance sales by banks sometimes fell between the oversight domains of banking and insurance regulators.

Panel may examine PSU bank consolidation

The high-level committee on banking reforms announced in the Budget is expected to examine a range of structural issues, including the possibility of public sector bank consolidation, as the government looks to further strengthen the financial sector. Speaking at the post-Central Board meeting press conference of the Reserve Bank of India, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the proposed committee was mentioned during the meeting, though detailed discussions were not held. *ENS*

India amends treaty with France, grants taxation rights on capital gains

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

AS part of a sweeping overhaul of their tax treaty, India and France have agreed to grant full taxing rights on capital gains arising from the sale of shares to the country where the company is resident, marking a significant shift in the allocation of taxing powers under the bilateral framework.

The amendment to the capital gains article is noteworthy as France was among the few jurisdictions that exempted French residents from tax on gains arising from investments in equity shares of Indian companies. The change also assumes significance in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling in the Tiger Global Management case relating to its investment in Flipkart.

By granting taxing rights to the source country, the move strengthens India's source-based taxation framework and reduces ambiguity around the allocation of taxing powers.

The protocol also deletes the Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) clause from the earlier agreement and revises dividend taxation from a flat 10% rate to a two-tier structure — 5% for shareholders holding at least 10% equity and 15% for others.

Further, the amendment aligns the definition of 'Fees for Technical Services' (FTS) with that in the India–US Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and expands the scope of 'Permanent Establishment' to include a Service PE. As per the finance ministry, these changes will facilitate seamless exchange of information and strengthen mutual tax cooperation between the two countries.

"Moving to explicit source-based taxation of capital gains should reduce room for interpretation and disputes. A lower 5% dividend withholding rate for substantial shareholders, and aligning the fees for technical services definition with the India–US treaty will also be seen as stabilising, especially for long-term investors," said Hitesh Sawhney, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP.

Moving to source-based taxation of capital gains may reduce room for interpretation and dispute

Hitesh Sawhney, PwC

PRECIOUS METALS

Gold, silver shed morning gains, close higher

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

PRECIOUS metals lost some of the gains in the morning trade on Monday, with gold closing up 1.76% at ₹159,634/10 gram and silver closing up 4.3% at ₹263,821/kg.

In the morning trade, the yellow metal climbed above ₹1.6 lakh/10 gm and silver surged 6% to cross ₹2.67 lakh amid rising geopolitical tensions, global tariffs, and a stronger dollar.

Renisha Chainani, head of research at gold trading platform Augmont, said "Since Friday gold rebounded by about 4% and silver outperforming 10%, driven primarily by heightened safe-haven demand amid macro and geopolitical uncertainty. The rebound reflects investor flows back into bullion as risk assets falter and uncertainties mount around economic growth, trade policy, and geopolitical risk."

Another boost was the lower-than-expected US GDP data, which showed Q4 print at 1.4%, well below forecasts, signalling that the economic expansion has lost momentum, and at the same time, inflation readings continue to show persistence, leaving policymakers in a data-dependent stance.

APPOINTMENT

Chandrasekaran to get third term as Tata Sons chair

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ New Delhi

TATA Sons chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran is set to get a third five-year term from its board on Tuesday.

His chairmanship will run through February 2032 when he will be 70—five full years more than the typical retirement age at Bombay House. Already the largest shareholder, the Tata Trusts, had reposed their faith in him last October signaling leadership continuity amid policy stability as the $120-billion diversified group has been making huge capital commitments.

Tata Sons is convening an extraordinary general meeting Tuesday to secure shareholder approval for reappointing Chandra as the executive chairman for a third five-year term and the move comes a year before his current term ends and signals continuity at the top as the group navigates heavy capital commitments and technology disruption, a Bombay House observer has said. Chandrawill be 65 next year when he completes the second five-year term and the typical retirement age set for the top executives at the Bombay House.

RBI monitoring IDFC First issue; says no systemic lapses

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday said it is closely monitoring developments related to IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank, but emphasised that there is no systemic concern arising from the situation.

Responding to a query at the post-Central Board meeting press conference, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra reiterated the RBI's long-standing policy of not commenting on individual banks or regulated entities.

"As a policy, we do not comment on individual bank or regulated entity. We are watching the developments. There is no systemic issue over here," the Governor said. The Haryana government has de-empanelled IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank after IDFC First disclosed a ₹590 crore fraud involving its employees, while AU Small Finance Bank posted ₹47 crore of fraudulent transactions in a government account.

The de-empanelment has had a sizeable impact on AU Small Finance Bank's government deposits. As of February 17, 2026, the bank held ₹735 crore in deposits from Haryana government departments. Following the de-empanelment, this fell to ₹538 crore as of February 21, 2026. AU Small Finance Bank said it has initiated an internal review after the state government sought clarification regarding suspicious transactions in a specific account of the finance department, as well as a linked customer account.

In a regulatory filing, IDFC First Bank said, prima facie, unauthorised and fraudulent activities were carried out by certain employees at a branch in Chandigarh involving specific Haryana government accounts and potentially other individuals or counterparties.

Asked to close accounts: CM

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini told assembly the govt had asked the bank to close the accounts and transfer funds to another lender, but IDFC First Bank didn't comply.

Health insurance industry saw 50% rise in demand after GST cut: Star CEO

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

HEALTH insurance industry has seen 50% growth in demand after the GST rate cut in September 2025, said Star Health & Allied Insurance MD & CEO Anand Roy on Monday here.

While addressing reporters, Roy said, "The government has given significant tailwind to the sector by reducing the GST on health insurance from 18% to 0% in last year. By rationalising the GST for health insurance products, the government is likening it to basic needs of people. This is considered to be structural change. After COVID-19, there was a rise in the demand for health insurance, but that dropped recent time. However, we expect the demand will remain very high for health insurance." He further said due to removal of input tax credit (ITC) in September 2025, the company is absorbing the ITC cost, and for distribution-related expenses, it has spoken to its agents and the cost is being adjusted to the distribution margin. Roy was speaking to the reporters after the Star Health launched 32 Arogya Seva

Kendra across nine states. The ASK health clinics, being implemented in partnership with Piramal Swasthya, part of Piramal Foundation, will provide structured primary care services at Zero Cost.

Amazon opens 2nd-largest Asia office in B'luru, spanning 1.1 mn sq.ft

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AMAZON opened its second-largest office in Asia in Bengaluru on Monday.

The new campus covers 1.1 million square feet across 12 floors and will support more than 7,000 employees working in ecommerce, operations, payments, technology, and seller services in India.

The building stands on a five-acre site around 15 km from Kempegowda International Airport. It was officially opened by Dr M B Patil, Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka.

This launch forms part of Amazon's ongoing investment in India. The company has invested more than $40 billion in the country so far and has committed a further $35 billion by 2030.

Company to support 7,000 employees

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Patil said: "Amazon's continued investment in Bengaluru reflects India's growing role as a global technology and innovation hub. Large-scale campuses like Amazon's new campus create high-quality jobs, strengthen local ecosystem, and support India's digital economy. We welcome investments that build capability and create opportunity for our workforce."

Samir Kumar, Country Manager, Amazon India, said: "India continues to be a long-term priority for Amazon, and Bengaluru has played a central role in our journey here. Over the years, the city has been home to some of our earliest technology and business teams, and today it remains a key hub for innovation and talent. We are grateful to Dr M B Patil for joining us to inaugurate this campus and to the Government of Karnataka for its continued support. "

Sebi proposes complete overhaul of PMS norms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Securities and Exchange Board is reviewing the portfolio managers services (PMS) regulations by strengthening investor protection and governance on the one hand and simplifying business processes for portfolio managers on the other so that the regulations remain relevant for evolving market dynamics.

Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Monday said the Securities and Exchange Board is looking at a comprehensive review of the portfolio managers regulations 2020, to keep the framework effective, adaptable, and aligned with evolving market dynamics or stated differently to have "optimum regulation," by easing unnecessary frictions while strengthening investor protection.

"We propose to carry out a comprehensive review... so that the framework remains effective, adaptable, and aligned with evolving market dynamics," Pandey said addressing a PMS industry event hosted by the Sebi-run National Institute of Securities Markets here Monday. He as like in other regulations, in the PMS changes too Sebi will first come out with a consultation paper for public input on the proposed changes.

He further said the PMS review will mirror recent regulatory reassessments undertaken in areas such as listing obligations, disclosure requirements, and mutual funds. He also said new PMS regulations will focus on rationalization based on industry and investor feedback.

Centre sets ₹10L cr asset monetisation target for FY26-30

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday launched the second phase of the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP 2.0), setting a ₹10 lakh crore asset monetisation target for the five-year period from FY26 to FY30, as announced in the Union Budget FY26.

For FY26, the Centre expects monetisation of ₹2 lakh crore, with annual values rising progressively in subsequent years.

Under NMP 2.0, 12 sectors have been identified for monetisation. In terms of total monetisation value, highways, multi-modal logistics parks (MMLPs) and ropeways account for the largest share at ₹4.42 lakh crore, or 26% of the total pipeline. The power sector follows with ₹2.76 lakh crore (17%), while railways and ports are projected to contribute ₹2.62 lakh crore and ₹2.63 lakh crore, respectively, each accounting for about 16%. Coal assets are estimated to generate ₹2.16 lakh crore, and mines ₹1 lakh crore over the five-year period. Other sectors covered include civil aviation, petroleum and natural gas, warehousing and storage, urban real estate, telecom, and tourism.

While the headline monetisation target is ₹10 lakh crore, the detailed framework projects a broader total monetisation value (TMV) of ₹16.72 lakh crore during the same period. The higher TMV includes not only proceeds accruing to government entities but also private sector capital investment mobilised via PPP projects.

Proceeds to go under different heads

Proceeds from monetisation transactions will be accrued under different heads depending on the structure of the deal, including the Consolidated Fund of India, state consolidated funds, allocations to public sector undertakings and port authorities, as well as direct private investment

MBD TO LAUNCH 10 RADISSON COLLECTION, 40 RED HOTELS

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

NEW DELHI-based MBD Group has signed a long-term master franchise agreement with Radisson Hotel Group to launch 50 co-branded properties across India over the next decade. This includes 10 upscale hotels under the Radisson Collection brand and 40 under the lifestyle-focused Radisson RED brand.

Under the terms of the mandate, the two brands - Collection and Red - will be introduced and expanded as Radisson Collection MBD Hotels and Radisson RED MBD Hotels. MBD will lead the business development, management and franchising of these brands for Radisson across the Indian region. The expansion will follow a portfolio model of 80% managed/franchised and 20% MBD-owned properties.

Sonica Malhotra Kandhari, joint MD, MBD Group, said the first decade of partnership is targeted to deliver 50 co-branded hotels across Radisson Collection MBD and Radisson RED MBD hotels predominantly through an asset-light model.

"MBD's prop book exposure will be 25%. Radisson Collection MBD targeting luxury will have a thought-through placement whereas Radisson RED MBD targeting lifestyle segment will be a far aggressive expansion. MBD will leverage its pan Indian brand presence."

Airtel to infuse ₹20k cr into NBFC arm Airtel Money

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BHARTI Airtel on Monday outlined major plans for its Non-Banking Financial Company, Airtel Money, and said the NBFC subsidiary will be capitalised with ₹20,000 crore over the next few years. The telecom service provider will contribute 70%, with the promoter group via Bharti Enterprises bringing in the remaining 30%. Airtel Money received its NBFC licence from the Reserve Bank on February 13, 2026.

"The success of our LSP platform over the past two years is proof of our ability to combine technology, data, and customer trust to deliver impact at a national scale. We have built one of India's most trusted and scalable digital credit engines—reaching millions with high quality credit supported by industry best performance metrics," said Gopal Vittal, executive vice-Chairman, Bharti Airtel. "Our NBFC expansion strengthens this foundation and reflects our ambition to build a differentiated, future ready digital lending business - one that stands for trust, innovation, and financial inclusion."

EXPRESS READ

Vi Exports ships 7,000 MTs FRK rice to Madagascar

NEW DELHI: Madagascar, a key nation in East Africa, has recently placed an order for 7,000 tonnes of FRK from Vi Exports India, a member of the Indian Rice Exporters' Federation (IREF). On February 19, 2026 the consignment was officially flagged off from Kandla Port by APEDA, marking a historic milestone in India's commitment to global nutrition and value-added agricultural leadership. Such an initiative has given "new strength to the resolve of self-reliant agriculture. *ENS*

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the Schedule property from the owners (01) **T.Venkataswamy**, aged about 73 years, S/o Late Thimmaiah, residing at No.7/2, Palanahalli Village, Jala Hobli Yelahanka Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru 560 064 and (02) **H.S.Prakash**, Aged about 45 years, S/o Late Sannegowda, R/at C/o Hanumanthappa Building, Puttenahalli Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.

Apart from the said owners if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim or charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to this sale transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the document on which they are basing their claim, with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s filed thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are not claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that pieces and parcel of the agricultural property bearing Survey number 74/3 measuring to an extent of 0-10 (Ten) guntas situated at Singahalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and bounded on the:

East By: property of Thimmarayappa, West By: property of Thopamma, North By: Tank, South By: property of Moogappa & Ramanna

Mohumed Sadiqh B.A
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No.FF47, 1st Floor, Gold Tower, No.50,
Residency Road, Bangalore 560 025.
sadiq@kvlegal.com
Mob: 9448557169, 9482083786
Bangalore Dated: 24.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the schedule property from the owners viz., **(i) Mrs. Bathulunnisa, W/o. Late. Syed Ameerjan @ Ameer Pasha and her family members, (ii) Mr. NAYAZ @NAYAZ PASHA and his family members, (iii) Mr. SYED ANSAR @ ANSAR PASHA and his family members and (iv) Mr. SYED ANWAR,** Sl.Nos.ii to iv are the children of Late. Syed Raheem @ Syed Kareem and Late Safia Bi @ Safiabiyamma, R/o. No.79/28, 5th Cross, A.K. Colony, Yashwanthapura, Bangalore - 560 022 and that the schedule property is allotted to them interms of the Panchayat Partition Deed dated 15-03-2008.

Any person or persons having any claims/ objections for the above sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within **seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims received beyond stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

a. Agricultural dry lands bearing **Sy.No.12/3,** measuring an extent of 0-34.04 Guntas and 0.01 Gunta of "A" Kharab Land, **b. Sy.No.12/8 (old Sy.No.12/3),** measuring 0-34.04 Guntas and 0.01 Gunta of "A" Kharab Land, **c. Sy.No.12/9 (old Sy.No.12/3),** measuring 0-34.04 Guntas and 0.01 Gunta of "A" Kharab Land and **d. Sy.No.12/7 (old Sy.No.12/3),** measuring of 0-34.04 Guntas and 0.01 Gunta of "A" Kharab Land, situated at **Thubarapalya Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Bangalore South (Ramanagara) District.**

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE---
KRM ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM,
No.137, Bhagyalakshmi Complex
Ground Floor, 5th Main, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block,
Basaveshwaranagara BANGALORE-560 079.
Ph.No.9980816715
Email: sadashivamh@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 24.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Narayanaswamy,** S/o Venka taramaiah, Aged About 50 Years, Residing at No.E-272, Near Sallapuriyamma Temple, Vaddarapalya, Kammasandra, Electronic City, Bengaluru- 560100 who is the present owner of below mentioned property and he was having Original Sale Deed dated 19/04/2006, vide Doc.No.ANK-1-02377/2006-07 dated: 20/04/2006 registered in the office of Sub-registrar Anekal, Bengaluru Rural, in respect of Sy.No.10/p65, measuring 1 acre 8 Guntas, Situated at Sonnanayakanapura Village, Kassaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural and the aforesaid Original Documents have been lost/misplaced while constructed in the house on 20/02/2026 and he has made best efforts in tracing the same, but efforts were in vain, Further he lodged a police complaint in this regarding on 23/02/2026, if anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the office address given below.

Sharanabassava, LLM., Advocate,
No.29/8, 2nd Floor, 4th Main, LD Block,
Ganganagar, Bengaluru -560032
Mob : 9731317981.

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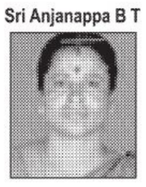
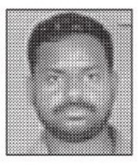
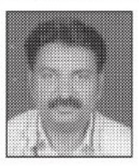
THE HANUMANTHANAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019, Telephone: 080-22428985, 26507976

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Finiancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 section 13(4) of the immovable properties mortgaged to **The Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank Limited,** is brought to Sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION". The public auction will be conducted in Hanumanumanthanagar Head Office.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Name of the Loanee	Balance Amount, Possession Date and Property Address	Reserved Price, Property Measurement Schedule, Auction Date & Time
Sri Anjanappa B T  Smt. Saraswathi N Sri Parashiva J (Surety)	**Rs.46,29,004/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date: 23-02-2026.** **SCHEDULE – I** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.85/10, Janjar No.34, Sy.No.85/10, situated at Agara Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under Agara Village Panchayath, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru.	**Rs.48,68,472/-** East to West: 30'-00" Feet & North to South: 40'-00" Feet East by : Property belongs to B T Anjanappa, West by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.85/10, North by : Lakshmi's Property, South by : Remaining Portion & Road. **Date : 26.03.2026 Thursday 11.00 AM**
Sri Syed Ithnain Ahmed Sri Mohammed Mukaram Pasha M.P. (Surety)	**Rs.84,43,002/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 23-02-2026.** **SCHEDULE - A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP No.2, Assessment No.30, Katha No.356, situated at Sunrise Colony Main Road, Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, now comes under B.B.M.P. (Hebbala Range) Bengaluru with PID No.96-341-2. **SCHEDULE – B** Flat situated in 4th Floor, with super built up area of 1300 Sq.ft. with 309 Sq.ft. of undivided right, title interest and claims in the land, apartment known as PPD Apartment constructed on schedule "A" property, containing 3 bed rooms, along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in Common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase, terrace, contained in the multi-storied building known as "PPD APARTMENT".	**Rs.52,48,100/-** **SCHEDULE – A** East to West : 34'-00" + 33'-00" / 2 Feet North to South : 76'-00" + 85'-00" / 2 Feet East by : Property bearing Site No.3 of Smt. Ramani M, West by : Property bearing Site No.1 to 1 B, North by : Property bearing Site No.10 to 11, South by : Road. **Date : 26.03.2026 Thursday, 3.00 PM**
 Sri Manjunath M	**Rs.50,47,737/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date: 23-02-2026.** **SCHEDULE** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.257, (257-18Wo-318-6) Katha No.5, Situated at 1st Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Nagashettiyhalli, Now Comes under B.B.M.P. (Hebbala Sub-Division) Bangalore. PID No 18-Wo318-6	**Rs.68,71,497/-** East to West : 44'-00" Feet and North to South : 26'-00" Feet East by : Sri Rama Bajanna Mandira, West by : Obalamma's House, North by : Sridhar's House, South by : Road. **Date : 27.03.2026 Friday 11.00 AM**
 Sri Yogesh M S Smt. Akshatha S H Sri Ramesh M S (Surety)	**Rs. 36,10,117/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date: 23-02-2026.** **SCHEDULE** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.84, Katha No.282, situated at Mysore Paper Mills Employees House Building Co-Op. Society (regd.), Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129, Bengaluru.	**Rs.66,88,800/-** East to West : 30'-00" Feet, North to South : 40'-00" Feet East by : Site No. 83, West by : Site No. 85, North by : Site No. 69, South by : Road. **Date : 27.03.2026 Friday , 3.00 PM**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION : (1) The Public Auction will be conducted at The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office. The intending bidder for to participate in the auction has to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the properties being auctioned as a refundable "Earnest Money Deposit" (EMD) by way of D.D./Pay Order in favour of The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office, Bangalore and payable on or before one day of auction date. **(2)** The EMD amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction. **(3)** The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the amount [inclusive of EMD] immediately on the same day of the sale being confirmed in his/her favour. On receipt of said payment and verification of KYC documents with originals (Photo ID and Address Proof), the authorized officer shall issue letter of sale confirmation and the balance amount shall be paid before 30 days. **(4)** The amount remitted by the successful bidder is liable to forfeited by the bank without any prior notice if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of this notice and commits default in any manner and the property will be re-auctioned. **(5)** The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration Fee Taxes, TDS, Statutory Dues, (if any) etc., as applicable. **(6)** The authorized officer shall have power to accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(7)** The Bank will not be liable for any arrears of tax, any charge, lien or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of the property auctioned. The bidders are requested to make discrete enquires in this behalf with concerned authorities. **(8)** For Inspection of the Properties and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer at A.O. Telephone No. 22428985, 26507976 or Branch Manager. They are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the properties and any other encumbrances on the properties. **(9)** General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders. **(10)** The properties has brought for sale on "as in where is and whatever there is condition". **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers, Heirs, Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 23.02.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer & General Manager (Incharge)
The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bengaluru-560019.

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

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No.KMSCL/ED/32/2025 **Date :21.02.2026**

RE- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement insecticides for Surveillance and Control of Communicable Disease under Plan Fund 2025-26.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/INS-PLAN/RT/2026/04 dtd. 21/02/2026	4

The last date and time of online uploading of tenders will be 09.03.2026, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 11.03.2026 11.30 am. Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable Immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM) for recovery of Rs. 49,17,629.33/- (Rupees Forty-Nine Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine and Paisa Thirty-Three Only) as on 20.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Girisha N, (2) Latha A, Both are residing at:** No.177, Deepak Nilaya, Dr Ambedkar Main Road, Hebbagodi, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **12.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Residential Apartment / Flat bearing No.GF-002, situated at the Ground floor of the apartment building called "GEETHA RESIDENCY", Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore, with super built up areas of 1135 Sq.Ft, 240 Sq.Ft undivided share/ right title and interest in Schedule A property along with one covered car parking area bearing No.GF-002 in the basement with Cauvery water and bore well water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies lifts, staircases and other areas of common use etc. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.91452, Longitude- 77.50275**	₹. 63.09	₹. 6.30	₹. 1.00
	TOTAL	₹. 63.09	₹. 6.30	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 8598009010 and 9483544116 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 21.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Head Office: Bangalore

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs. 10,56,69,703.91/- (Rupees Ten Crore Fifty Six lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Seven hundred Three and Paisa Ninety One Only)** as on **20.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s. Y R Ramesh Reddy** S/o Ramakrishna Reddy Y R, Office at: 219, 10th C Main Road, 1st Block, Jaynagar, Bangalore-560011. **(2) Guarantor and Property owner : Mr. A N Purushothama** S/o A S Narayanaswamy, **Residing at:** No. 2, Arekere Village, Bannurugatta Road, Bangalore-560076. **(3) Guarantor : Smt K Chandrika** D/o S Narayanaswamy, **Residing at:** No 58, Chandrika Nilaya, 3rd Main, New Kempagowda Layout, Kathri Guppe, BSK 3rd Stag, Bangalore 560011.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **12.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹. in lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid	Inspection date & time
1	All that piece and parcel of vacant site plot no. 19, Khata Nos, 7/5 & 7/6 situated at Samrat layout, Arakere Village, Begur hobli, Bangalore south Taluk measuring 2524 Sq. ft. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Remaining portion of site no 19, North: Private property, South: 3 feet passage.	₹. 195.00	₹. 19.50	₹. 1.00	10.03.2026 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	All the piece and parcel vacant site plot no. 19 Municipal Assessment No. 109/103/19 (old No. 7/5 & 7/6), Sl No. 1060 situated at Samrat Layout, Arekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore in the name of AN Purushothama. Total 2887.50 sq. ft. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Remaining portion of site 19, North: Private Property, South: 3 Feet passage.	₹. 222.00	₹. 22.20	₹. 1.00	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9535093706 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 21.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Branch: Bidadi

ANNEXURE I REDEMPTION NOTICE

Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Mrs. Chithra N W/o Narayana Swamy C, NO. 340/1, 3rd floor, 5th Main Road, Bahubalinagar, Bangalore North, Jala Halli, Bangalore North-560013.

Re: Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002).

Ref :- 1. Demand Notice dated **11-09-2025** issued u/s 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
2. Possession Notice dated **07-02-2026** issued u/s 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Regional Office Mandya, 1st floor, Makam Towers, 2nd main Vivekananda road, Ashoknagar, Mandya -571401.** being Secured Creditor Bank in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 (hereinafter refereed as "Act") read with Rules 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (hereinafter refereed as "Rules") issued demand notice dated **11-09-2025** calling upon you being Borrow ers (s)/ Mortgagor (s) / Guarantor (s) to repay the amount stated in the said demand notice within 60 days from receipt of said notice.

And whereas you have failed to repay the amount, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 4 and/or Rule 8 of the Rules have taken over the Possession of Secured Assets (hereinafter referred as the said properties) more particularly described herein below Schedule. [Copy of Possession Notice dated **07-02-2026** is attached herewith for ready reference]

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Bank as mentioned in above Possession Notice. Your attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Therefore, you all are requested to pay the dues as mentioned in possession notice along with applicable interest, cost, charges & expenses within 30 days from receipt of this notice and redeem the secured asset as mentioned below. In case you fail to pay the above mentioned dues & redeem the secured asset within 30 days from receipt of this notice, Bank will be constrained to sell the secured asset through public e-Auction by publication of e-Auction Sale notice. The date, time of e-auction and Reserve Price of the property shall be informed to you separately.

Schedule of Secured Assets/Properties

Sr. No.	Description of the Movable/ Immovable Properties	Date of Possession	Type of Possession (Symbolic/ Physiscal)	Date of Publication of Possession Notice (For Immovable property only)
01	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing eastren portion of site number 6, Assessment number 67/2, property number 67/2, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West: 19 Feet & North to South: 60 Feet totally measuring 1140 Sq Feet. **bounded on East by:** site no.5, **West by:** Remaining portion of the same site, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.	07-02-2026	Physical	12-02-2026

Date: 23-02-2026
Place: Mandya

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

CITY CORPORATION VIJAYAPUR

No:CCV/PWD/EE/DMA/TND/E-proc/2025-26 Dated:21.02.2026

KPP PORTAL SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, City Corporation Vijayapur invites tenders from eligible tenders registered the **1) 01 work under Corporation 5% Fund 2025-26 and 2) 01 works under Amrut 2.0 Fund and 3) 06 works under Corporation Fund 2025-26.** Tenders are called in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal. For further details visit online web site **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Note: 1) Tender Corrigendum and Addendum will be issued in kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal

1) Last date for Tender submission:05.03.2026

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
City Corporation, Vijayapur

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यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

DODDABALLAPUR BRANCH -(00502)
Ground Floor, No. 2349, Krishna Towers, Doddaballapur, Shenigere Pete,
Lions Bhavan Road, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 561203
Phone No.:+91-8104400502 Email ID: ubin0900508@unionbankofindia.bank.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SEC.13 (2) READ WITH SEC.13 (3) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrower with in the branch mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrower whose name and address and the name of the branch where you have availed the credit facilities offering the property mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower : 1. The Borrower (s) /Co-Obligant (s): (a) Mrs. Ramadevi, W/o Paramesh M, (b) Mr. M Paramesh, S/o Late Muniyappa, Both Are Residing At No.50,11th Main Road Harijana Colony, Mathikere, Bengaluru – 560054. **Alternate Address:** Sy. No. 47/2, Mallasandra Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Karnataka - 561203. **2. The Guarantor cum Mortgagor: (a) Mr. P Kariyanna** alias **P Kariyappa, S/o Late Puttanna,** No. 238, Kurubarahalli, New Nagarasabhe Extension, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka – 561203. **A/c No.: AGRTL 560931000003857, Amount outstanding:** As on **13.02.2026** a sum of **Rs.1,20,33,292.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Only)** is outstanding in your account/s.

Demand Notice: 13.02.2026 **NPA Date : 10.02.2023**

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Mortgage of immovable property described here in below: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Old Sy No.24/1,New K No. 334/24/1, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, situated at Rojipura, 4th Ward, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural along with construction thereon bounded on: **East by:** Land of Ramalingaiah, **West by:** 15 Feet Road, **North by :**Mallatahalli Village gadi, **South by:** Land of Ramaswamy.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 13.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

STATE BANK OF INDIA

TUMAKURU BRANCH (03917)
PB No. 42, M.G. Road, Tumakuru - 572 101.
Fax/Tel : 0816-2261588
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DEMAND NOTICE

U/s 13(2) of Sarfaesi Act 2002

To

1. **Smt Noor Ayesha**
   C/o Sri Burhan Khan
   No. 696, Abidpur Mohalla
   Daira, Channapatna, Ramanagar District 562160.
2. **Smt Azeez Banu**
   C/o Sri Burhan Khan
   No. 696 B Abidpur Mohalla
   Daira, Channapatna, Ramanagar, Karnataka 562160.

Dear Sir,

In respect of loans availed by you (1&2) from **M.G. Road Tumakuru Branch (03917), Tumakuru** which have become **NPA on 05.02.2026** with a balance outstanding of **Rs. 1,93,50,737-00** (Rupees One crore ninety three lakh fifty thousand seven hundred thirty seven only) as on 07.02.2026 and interest from 08.02.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental charges, costs, Recovery / Enforcement Agents charges, etc. We have already issued a detailed DEMAND NOTICE dated **09.02.2026** Under sec 13(2) of securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 by registered Post with acknowledgement due to you has been returned undelivered with following remarks "Not claimed by the Addressee".

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of below mentioned securities owned by you as per Sec 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE 'C'

PART I

Movable assets/Machinery/Bills/Book Debts

NIL

PART II

Immovable Properties (Registered Mortgage)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that Piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No. 8, formed in New Sy. No. 6/3A-1 (Old Sy. No. 6/3), E-Khatha PID No. 3516803928, situated at Bytarayanapura Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru City, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike, and bearing New BBMP Municipal Khatha No. 8, BBMP ward No. 41, Gali Anjenaya Temple, PID No. 41-07-08 at Hosakerehalli Main Road, Bengaluru measuring East to west 75.00 feet and North to south 50.00 feet, totally measuring 3750 Sq feet **and bounded by:** East by : Property formed in Sy. No. 6/3A-2, West by : Road, North by : Property belongs to Smt Vijay Krishna, South by : Property belongs to Sri A R Chandrappa

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

375.00 Sq feet undivided share, right, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. **GF1 Ground floor,** containing Three Bedroom Flat having Super Built up Area of 1900 Sq feet which includes proportionate share in common area and other areas used in common by all the Apartment Owners in **"MSR NEEPA"** along with exclusive rights to use One Top Covered Parking Space bearing **GF1,** in the **"MSR NEEPA"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property and the Apartment is **bounded by:** East by : Flat No. GF-2, West by : Road, North by : Common Passage, South by :Others property

Sale Deed Document No. ANK -1-01732-2025-26 in Book No. 1 dated 04.06.2025 in the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Anekal, Bengaluru.

You are advised **(1)** to collect the original notice / cover addressed to you and returned by postal Authorities from the undersigned Branch, for more and complete details and **(2)** to pay the balance outstanding with interest and costs etc, within 60 days from the date of this News paper Publication (Notice) referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

Date : 09.02.2026
Place : Tumakuru

Sd/- **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
STATE BANK OF INDIA

ON THE ROPES: MEN IN BLUE-S

Batters' inability to adapt to tricky conditions has been the general theme that has led to India being in a precarious position

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Mumbai

SURELY it wasn't supposed to be like this, no? This was going to be their big moment, 'repeat history, defeat history', like Rohit Sharma had said in an ad for the host broadcaster before the tournament.

Three days into the Super Eights stages of the World Cup, the Indian team are like outsiders, looking past the drawn curtains, hoping to catch a glimpse of the party they are co-hosting. How did it come down to this?

Last Sunday against Pakistan at the R Premadasa, they were grand. What a difference a week makes, eh? Against South Africa at the new Motera, whatever they touched turned into fool's gold. That they partly contributed to it only added insult to injury as Washington Sundar's inclusion at the expense of Axar Patel didn't have the necessary impact.

While India's bowling unit remains sturdy, it's the batting department that has seemingly gone kaput, an irony because the latter was the one doing all the running coming into the tournament. But the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) completely seems to have missed the point about pitches in ICC events. This was the exact scenario in 2019 as well. In the four years to the run-up to the 50-over World Cup in the United Kingdom, teams were routinely posting in excess of 300. A fair few matches saw teams breaching 400 in domestic cricket. Teams between Full Members were seeing 330 vs. 310. All of this prompted suggestions that the 2019 World Cup would see a score of 500.

Those predictions didn't come to pass.

This edition of the World Cup, then, is basically a similar iteration as strips have had something in it for the pacers. Spinners have been able to get some grip. And with the competition heading into the business stages of the tournament, tracks are bound to become slower as they tire.

It's here that the Indian batting unit seems to have missed a trick or two. It increasingly looks like they have turned up to the World Cup assuming pitches would be the same irrespective of the nature of the event. There's enough experience in that dressing room to know that's not the case. That's even before you take into consideration that teams generally score at a slower rate at ICC events because of the stakes involved.

Some of the Indian batters have tried to be proactive to move the game forward but the necessary application has deserted them. Here's a number. In the 17 games they have played in the country since June 30, 2024 till the beginning of this World Cup, they scored 169 runs every 100 balls.

That's down to 136 in India's four matches at home as they have struggled to adapt to used surfaces, opposition who are better prepared given the stage and a serious crisis of confidence that's gripped India's top order. Both Hardik Pandya and Ishan Kishan, following the Namibia game when their spinners tied the Indian batters down with some accurate bowling on a tacky strip, voiced their opinions. Kishan said after the game: "In both the wickets, I feel it was a bit different from what we expected to happen and today, looking at the death overs, when we were not able to regularly hit big sixes." That '... bit different from what we expected,' is an indication that the team management didn't budget for tricky, typical pitches hosting countries would get for a World Cup.

Because the Indian team hasn't matched up expectations with a new reality, their batters are continuing to live in a world of bilateral cricket and flat decks where 200 is the bare minimum. It's kind of why Ryan ten Doeschate said the time may be right for an intervention with the batting group.

"I think, again, it needs a little bit of assessment and application and it's a fine line between putting the reins and stopping guys from playing the way they play but I think it's come to the point now where the intervention of saying 'guys, there's different ways to go about a chase, even setting a score," the assistant coach had said after the loss against South Africa on Sunday. "And like I say, we've spoken about it a lot, but we haven't implemented it across the board and I think that's cost us in some of the performances with the bat so far.

"Look, I've sort of banged the drum about it, but I think the biggest challenge to us is finding a way to play on wickets that are not typical to what we're playing on," he said when asked about three of the problem areas the team would be focussing on between Monday and the game against Zimbabwe on Thursday. It's going to be all hands on deck between now and 7.00 PM on Thursday for the co-hosts to come up with a suitable response. For they are just 40 overs from exiting the Cup they began as favourites.

Hit-myer: Windies soar high

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Mumbai

"FOR 10 long years," the speakers at the Wankhede system sang, "we ruled the cricket world." Ever since West Indies, a collection of countries who come together for cricket, adopted David Rudder's Rally Round The West Indies in the 90s, a jolly calypso number, it's been the team's call to arms before matches.

And so shortly before 7.00 PM on a warm February evening in Mumbai, the crowd stood at attention when Rudder's number bounced off the Stadium's famous walls and pillars. When they were in India in October for a Test series, they had to wheel out their legends. Brian Lara and Vivian Richards were involved in initiatives to raise money. Their officials even met an Indian broadcaster. Daren Sammy had to remind the world that West Indies travelled the world when people wanted to see the team in the flesh. "I think all what we ask for, we deserve," the coach had said.

Shimron Hetmyer | AFP

On nights like Monday, it wasn't hard to wonder what all they could have done, what all they could have achieved if the game's finances were more evenly distributed. That disparity, though, has made them into a really strong and united group, a band of brothers who are beginning to dream again. Dreaming of becoming three-time World Cup champions.

Against Zimbabwe, they brought all the noise and lit up the Wankhede with a power-packed batting performance. Following a record-breaking, six-hitting masterclass, their bowlers ensured the Men In Maroon picked up a vital NRR boost.

The primary man responsible for them scoring 254 on a highway of a strip was Shimron Hetmyer (85 off 34 balls). The southpaw has the rare capacity of making things happen even when he's not there. Think of him as the Mario Balotelli of world cricket. No stranger to controversy but somebody very clearly talented but also remembered for some silliness. He was ejected from the 2022 World Cup squad because he missed two connecting flights to Australia. "Actions have consequences," said Cricket West Indies when they made their displeasure felt in the harshest terms. In 2024, he made the squad but didn't feature.

Brief scores: WI 254/6 in 20 ovs (Hetmyer 85, Powell 59, Rutherford 31 n.o) **bt** Zimbabwe 147 in 17.4 ovs (Evans 43, Myers 28, Raza 27; Motie 4/28; Hosein 3/28).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pitch takes centrestage for crucial India match

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AS India's World Cup campaign shifts to Chennai, another black soil surface may await the co-hosts at the MA Chidambaram Stadium where they are scheduled to play Zimbabwe in a must-win Super 8s tie on Thursday.

The Suryakumar Yadav-led side has struggled to adapt to the conditions so far in the T20 World Cup. They managed to get across the line through the Group stages despite the lack of runs from Abhishek Sharma and Tilak Varma and the struggles against finger spinners in the first ten overs.

However, it all caught up to them in Ahmedabad when they chased for the first time. The defending champions suffered their first loss of the tournament at the hands of the 2024 runner-ups on a black soil pitch, and the margin of defeat has dented their net run rate (NRR) (-3.8) massively.

And now, they are one loss away from an early exit in a home World Cup. Facing Zimbabwe in Chennai and the West Indies in Kolkata next, the Gautam Gambhir-coached side will have to win both games and give themselves an NRR boost while hoping that South Africa remains unbeaten. But it may not be a cakewalk.

The centre pitch, likely to be used for the India-Zimbabwe game, is also a black soil surface. The other two are red soil but two matches have been played on each and looked weary. The black one has been used once before, for the first match between New Zealand and Afghanistan. It was an 11 AM game where both teams fielded three spinners and as many pacers, with New Zealand chasing a target of 183 comfortably in 17.4 overs. The surface has not been used since.

Having said that, the difference between Chennai and other venues in this World Cup is that the pitches have remained unused for the last six months, as the entire outfield was relaid. It means unlike Ahmedabad or New Delhi, the pitches have not gone through as much wear and tear, and it has shown in the totals so far. In the six games played at this venue, four pitches have been used, and two of them were played on twice.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MUST-WIN FOR PAK VS ENGLAND

England can edge closer to semis with a win while Pakistan have to win the tie to stay in hunt. A look...

Spin in focus

In the previous Super Eights match between England and Sri Lanka at the venue, spinners claimed 12 out of total 19 wickets that fell. It is expected to be no different as Pallekele surface offers assistance to slow bowlers. Both teams have a battery of tweakers with in-form all-rounder Will Jacks being the key for England.

Pak's struggle with bat

Except for Sahibzada Farhan (220 runs from five matches), Pakistan's batters have failed to fire so far. None of them managed to score a fifty and they have not crossed the three-figure mark with Shadab Khan (88) being their second-best after Farhan in terms of total runs scored. Time for captain Salman Agha and Babar Azam to step up.

England vs Pakistan
@ Pallekele | 7.00 PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

INTER, ATLETICO SEEK KO POWER

Inter face a battle for survival at San Siro in CL while Atletico, who played a thriller against Club Brugge last week, will also be hoping to advance. A look...

Atletico Madrid vs Club Brugge | 1st leg: 3-3 | 11:15 PM

The opening leg was a rollercoaster for Atletico, who were held by the Belgian club. Atletico, who are fourth in La Liga, can't afford any slip-ups. Ademola Lookman, Antoine Griezman and Julian Alvarez will be hoping to inspire the team. Brugge, on the other hand, will be looking to cause an upset.

Inter vs Bodo/Glimt | 1st leg: 1-3 | 1:30 AM

Bodo has been the story of the CL so far and the team from north of the Arctic Circle rocked Inter in the opening leg. Inter will be plotting to turn the tables. The likes of Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Marcus Thuram and Lautaro Martínez, to name a few, have to step up. At the weekend, Inter had to dig deep to beat Lecce to move 10 points clear at Serie A.

OTHER FIXTURES

(1:30 AM - IST Wednesday): Newcastle vs Qarabag FK (1st leg: 6-1; Leverkusen vs Olympiacos (1st leg: 2-0).

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK

Final showdown: Karnataka, J & K chase glory

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

THE Ranji Trophy final beginning Tuesday is filled with narratives attached to both sides. While Jammu & Kashmir — on the back of giant-killings of Delhi, Bengal and Madhya Pradesh en route to their maiden final — look to round off their fairytale season by winning their first Ranji title, eight-time winners Karnataka will look to consolidate their position as one of the domestic powerhouses of Indian cricket. They play their 15th Ranji final, their first in 11 years. In fact, four in the current squad — KL Rahul, Karun Nair, Mayank Agarwal and Shreyas Gopal — were part of the team which last won the title in 2015.

Karnataka head coach Yere Goud, in his second stint, finally guided his team to a Ranji Trophy final. He first served as the coach of the team from 2018 to 2022. "I think a lot of credit should go to the players, the way they fought in difficult moments," he told this daily on the eve of the final. "For me personally, being part of this coaching setup after losing two semifinals — one against Bengal (in 2020) and one against Saurashtra (2019) is a step forward. It's good to be in the finals, but again, not emphasising too much in terms of performance. We're looking at this as one more game and trying to play as best as we can," he said. While the fact that they have four players who have won this title for Karnataka, Goud felt thinking too much about it may invite undue pressure. "We just want to play the game as it has to be, like a league game," he said.

Playing in Hubballi, where they grabbed an innings win against Chandigarh in November 2025, Goud felt that Karnataka can ride on the support from the home crowd. "Playing matches in Mofussil areas, you always bring that crowd in also, playing the game already against Chandigarh here has given us some sort of input in terms of the wicket and in terms of the outfield," he said.

As Jammu and Kashmir's appearance in the final underlines the increased standards of domestic cricket in India, Goud felt that his job has gotten more challenging.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Injury concerns for J & K

Top-order batter Shubham Khajuria and left-arm spinner Vanshaj Sharma needed medical attention after the J&K duo suffered niggles during their nets session. While Khajuria seemed to be having some discomfort on his back, Vanshaj had to be stretchered out for medical attention, as he seemed to have twisted his ankle.

Devdutt Padikkal | BCCI

ROAD TO SUMMIT

EIGHT-TIME CHAMPIONS KARNATAKA FACE JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN THE RANJI TROPHY FINAL BEGINNING AT HUBBALLI ON TUESDAY. A LOOK AT HOW THEY MADE IT TO THE SUMMIT CLASH...

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Finished 2nd in Group D

- Lost to Mumbai by 35 runs @ Srinagar
- Beat Rajasthan by innings and 41 runs @ Srinagar
- Drew with Chhattisgarh (conceded FIL) Raipur
- Beat Delhi by 7 wickets @ Delhi
- Beat Hyderabad by 281 runs @ Jammu
- Drew with Puducherry @ Puducherry (Points shared)
- Drew with Himachal Pradesh (took FIL) @ Nadaun
- **Quarterfinals:** Beat Madhya Pradesh by 56 runs @ Indore
- **Semifinals:** Beat Bengal by 6 wickets @ Kalyani

KARNATAKA

Finished 2nd in Group B

- Drew with Saurashtra (conceded FIL) @ Rajkot
- Drew with Goa (Took FIL) @ Shimoga
- Beat Kerala by innings and 164 runs @ Mangalapuram
- Drew with Maharashtra (Took FIL) @ Pune
- Beat Chandigarh by innings and 185 runs @ Hubballi
- Lost to Madhya Pradesh by 217 runs @ Alur
- Beat Punjab by 5 wickets @ Mohali
- **Quarterfinals:** beat Mumbai by 4 wickets @ Mumbai
- **Semifinals:** drew with Uttarakhand (advanced by virtue of FIL) @ Lucknow

Note: FIL is First Innings Lead

Barca reclaim top spot in Liga

AGENCIES @ Barcelona

BARCELONA cruised to a 3-0 victory over Levante to reclaim pole position in La Liga on Sunday. After Real Madrid fell to a 2-1 defeat at Osasuna on Saturday, Hansi Flick's side moved a point clear of their bitter rivals with a easy victory at Camp Nou against the team in 19th.

Marc Bernal and Frenkie de Jong gave Barca a commanding first-half lead and Fermin Lopez wrapped up the win with a sensational drive late on.

Barca were glad to get back to winning ways after a 4-0 thrashing by Atletico Madrid in the Copa del Rey semifinal first leg last week and then a 2-1 defeat by Girona on Monday in Liga.

EXPRESS READ

National kabaddi championship from today

VADODARA: As many as 31 teams from across the country with around 400 players will be competing when the 72nd Senior Nationals Men's Kabaddi Championship is held at the Sama Indoor Complex here from February 24 to 27. Players who performed exceptionally in the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 will also be seen in action.

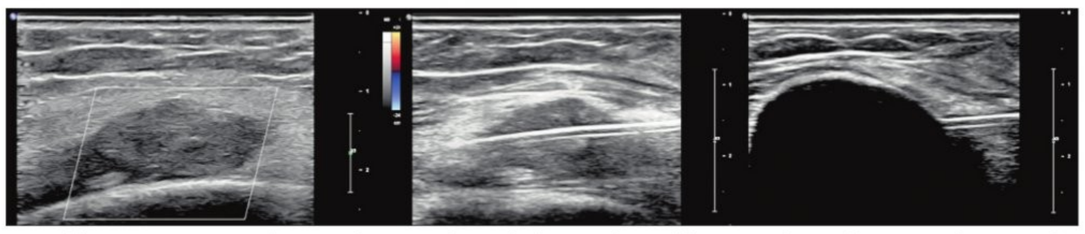
First PGA Tour crown for USA's Bridgeman

LOS ANGELES: Jacob Bridgeman held his nerve as his seven-shot lead dwindled to one, draining a short par putt at the 72nd hole to claim his first PGA Tour title with a one-shot triumph at the Genesis Invitational on Sunday. The 26-year-old American had started the day with a six-shot advantage that swelled to seven after his birdies at the first and third. He finished with an 18-under total of 266.

Chennaiyin FC suffer second defeat in ISL

CHENNAI: Chennaiyin suffered another away defeat in the Indian Super League, this time going down 0-2 against Mohun Bagan Super Giant at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Monday. Jamie Maclaren put the home side in front at the stroke of half-time. Dimitri Petratos doubled the lead in little hour to put the game to bed. Chennaiyin will face another away test against Odisha on Sunday.

MRI CRYOABLATION



Cryoablation using MRI guidance: Left image shows the lesion, the middle image shows placement of a cryoprobe through the lesion, the right image shows formation of an ice ball (in black) completely covering the lesion

Cryoablation can be combined with chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy or surgery. The malignant tissue treated with cryotherapy helps reduce the risk that the tumour will come back

FREEZING TUMOURS WITH SURGICAL PRECISION

Advanced treatment option offers patients with certain tumours a less invasive alternative

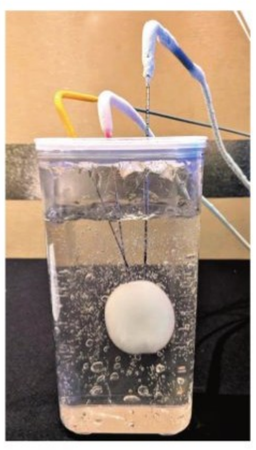
HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

CERTAIN cancers can now be frozen inside your body. Yes, you heard it right. In what could be a significant leap in minimally invasive oncology, Liverpool Hospital in Australia's Sydney has claimed to have introduced an MRI-guided cryoablation system to treat cancer affected organs. The state-of-the-art technology allows doctors to freeze and destroy tumours deep inside the body with pinpoint precision.

The development comes at a time when cancer care is shifting towards precision-based, organ-preserving and patient-friendly treatments. This advanced treatment option offers patients with certain tumours a less invasive alternative to conventional surgery.

At the Sydney-based tertiary care centre, doctors are using advanced real-time MRI imaging to guide thin cryoprobes loaded with highly compressed argon gas directly into tumours. As the gas rapidly expands, it causes an extreme drop in temperature, often plunging to as low as -180°C, rupturing cancer cells through ice crystal formation and vascular damage during freeze-thaw cycles.

This procedure creates an 'ice ball' around the tumour, said Dr Mukurdipi Ray, professor of surgical oncology at AIIMS-Delhi. "The intense cold freezes cancer cells, causing them to rupture and die. MRI imaging allows doctors to continuously monitor the size and spread of the ice ball, ensuring that the tumour is fully covered while protecting surrounding healthy tissues. This minimally invasive method targets solid tumours effectively, with patients often discharged within 24 hours in a stark contrast to weeks of recovery after conventional surgery," he said.



Depending on size & location of the target, typically two to four cryoprobes are positioned so that their ice balls overlap and fully cover the lesion; (top) cryoprobes and an ice ball the size of a small mandarin

What is Cryoablation?

Cryoablation, also known as cryotherapy or cryosurgery, is a localised cancer treatment that uses extreme cold produced by liquid nitrogen or argon gas to destroy abnormal or malignant tissue. This technique can be used both externally (for skin cancers) and internally (for tumours inside the body).

For internal cancers, cryoprobes (specialised, thin needle like surgical instruments) are inserted by using imaging guidance such as ultrasound, CT, or MRI, which helps limit damage to nearby healthy tissue. As the gas flows through the cryoprobe, the doctor places it directly on the tumour.

Sometimes, more than one cryoprobe is used to freeze different parts of the tumour. Once frozen, cancer cells lose structural integrity and die. Over time, the body naturally breaks down and absorbs the destroyed tissue, which is then eliminated as waste. For skin cancers, treated areas typically form a scab that falls off as healthy skin regenerates underneath.

The new minimally invasive treatment is all set to change the cancer care landscape, said Dr Ashwin KR, head of surgical oncology at Aster Whitefield Hospital, Bengaluru. Unlike traditional open surgery, MRI-guided cryoablation allows doctors to clearly see the tumour and monitor the ice ball as it forms, ensuring complete treatment while minimising damage to surrounding organs, he said.

Cryoablation can be combined with chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy or surgery. The malignant tissue treated with cryotherapy helps reduce the risk that the tumour will come back. One of its major advantages is that it can be repeated multiple times in the same region with minimal damage to surrounding tissues which is crucial in recurrent cancers.

"As the procedure requires only small punctures rather than large incisions, it typically results in less blood loss, reduced postoperative pain, shorter hospital stays and faster recovery. Cryoablation can be repeated if required and can serve both curative and palliative intent depending on the stage and spread of the disease," said Dr Manas Ranjan Kar, senior international radiologist at Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.

"Clinical studies have shown promising results, particularly in small kidney tumours, prostate lesions, and selected soft-tissue tumours. Research demonstrates good local tumour control, low complication rates and shorter recovery times compared to conventional surgery," said Dr Ashwin.

In countries like Australia and the US, MRI-guided cryoablation can cost anywhere between $10,000 and $25,000 (approximately ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh), depending on the organ treated and hospital infrastructure, including advanced MRI suites, specialised cryoprobes and trained interventional radiology teams.

In India, cryoablation is available in select tertiary cancer centres and corporate hospitals, including Apollo, Max Healthcare, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, Fortis, Aster Hospital, Yashoda and CK Birla for cancers such as liver, kidney, breast, sarcomas and bone tumours. Costs range from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹6 lakh per session, depending on tumour type and complexity, generally lower than many robotic or extensive surgical procedures.

Useful for managing small, early-stage cancers

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

AS India witnesses a steady rise in cancer cases, with projections indicating a sharp increase in lung, breast, prostate and gastrointestinal cancers in the coming decade, health experts say that minimally invasive organ-preserving approaches such as cryoablation could significantly improve quality of life.

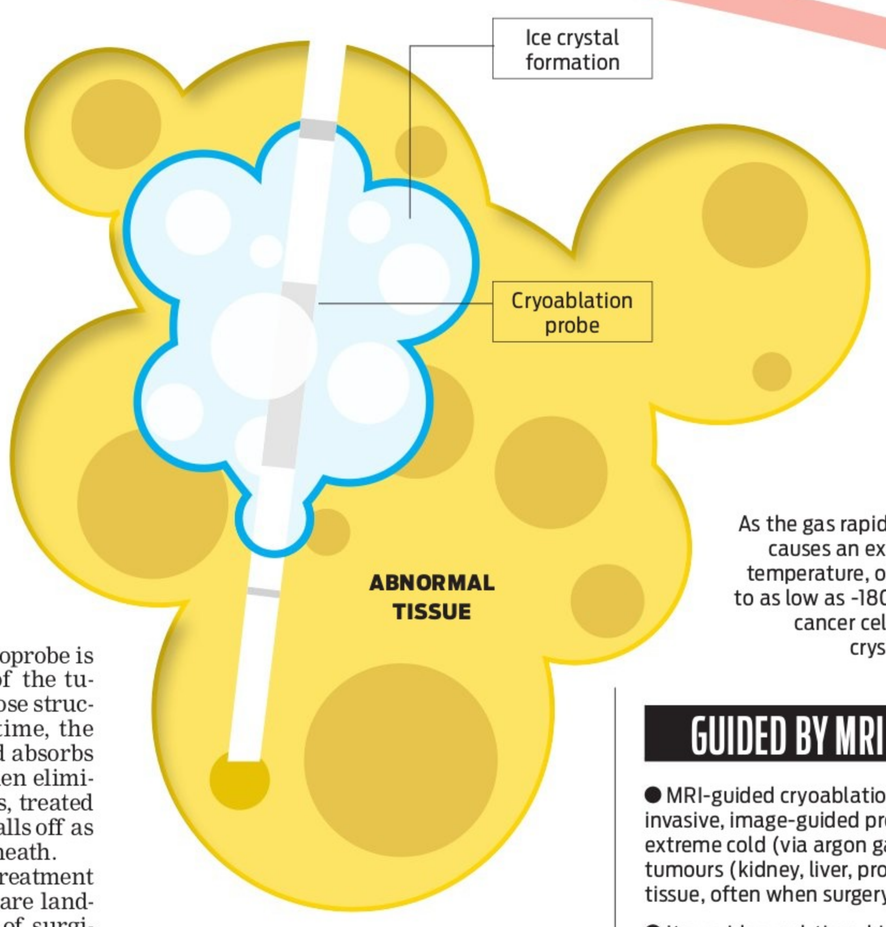
"One of the advantages of the technique is it can control recurrent or metastatic soft tissue sarcomas with 86% one-year progression-free survival and low 2% complication rates. It also reduces morbidity versus surgery, enables outpatient care, preserves organ function and synergises with immunotherapy by boosting anti-tumour immunity," Dr Ray said.

For the country, where late diagnosis remains common, cryoablation could be particularly useful in managing small, early-stage tumours. Dr Sachin Sekhar Biswal, medical oncologist at Manipal Hospitals, said although cryoablation as a precision approach is not new, MRI-guided cryoablation with high resolution imaging has taken a giant leap.

"MRI targeting in real time ensures high accuracy. Early stage tumours where radical surgery is considered, can be approached with cryoablation and with good functional recovery and without having to sacrifice the organ and physiological function," he said.

Surgical oncologists cautioned that the technique is suitable only in highly selective situations and cannot be projected as a universal alternative to conventional cancer therapies. Although the technology has been in use across different cancer types, its application depends heavily on tumour size, spread, biology and the overall condition of the patient.

Dr Saroj Kumar Das Majumdar, professor of oncology at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar, said careful patient selection is essential. "While promising, cryoablation is not suitable for all cancers. Large, widely spread or deeply complex and bulky tumours, where complete and uniform freezing of the entire mass is difficult to achieve, may still require surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation. The technique is also inappropriate in extensive node-positive disease, where significant lymph node involvement typically requires systemic treatment such as targeted therapy or immunotherapy," he added.



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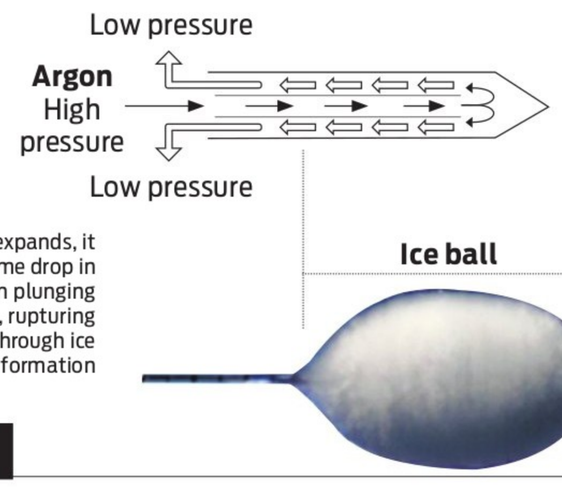

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Dr Ashwin KR, Aster Whitefield Hospital, Bengaluru

GUIDED BY MRI

- MRI-guided cryoablation is a minimally invasive, image-guided procedure that uses extreme cold (via argon gas) to destroy tumours (kidney, liver, prostate, bone) or nerve tissue, often when surgery is not an option
- It provides real-time, high-contrast visualisation of the 'ice ball' formation to ensure precise treatment while protecting surrounding healthy tissue
- **Procedure:** Under general anaesthesia, a radiologist inserts one or more cryoprobes into the target tissue, creating a freezing zone that kills cells
- **Imaging benefit:** MR thermography (real-time MRI) allows for precise monitoring of the ice ball's expansion, which appears as a distinct black region, enabling better control than other methods
- **Conditions treated:** Small renal masses (kidney cancer), bone tumours, liver metastases, prostate cancer, and sometimes pain management
- **Recovery & benefits**: It is a low-risk, outpatient or short-stay procedure (often one night) with less bleeding, pain, and faster recovery compared to open surgery

FOR TREATING NON-CANCEROUS CONDITIONS ALSO

Cryoablation can be used to treat retinoblastoma, skin cancers, including basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, skin lesions from AIDS-related Kaposi sarcoma, early-stage prostate cancer, liver cancer that is confined to the liver, bone cancer - mostly chondrosarcoma, non-small cell lung cancer. Cryosurgery is also used to treat numerous non-cancerous (benign) skin conditions, precancerous growths, and other disorders including include skin growths, abnormal cell changes in the cervix, benign bone tumours

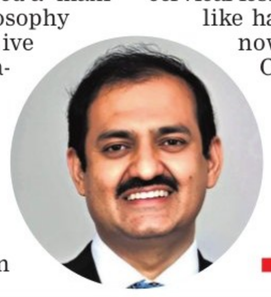
Oncology is shifting towards effective and precision-driven personalised care

INTERVIEW
DR SOMASHEKHAR SP

WITH cancer cases rising sharply across India, the search for more precise, less invasive and patient-friendly treatments has intensified. From robotic surgery to genomic profiling and immunotherapy, oncology is undergoing a paradigm shift. Among the emerging techniques drawing global attention is MRI-guided cryoablation, an advanced procedure that destroys tumours and cancerous tissues by freezing them. **Dr Somashekhar SP**, chairman of medical advisory board at Aster DM Healthcare and global director of Aster International Institute of Oncology, talks about how advanced cancer care is evolving and whether cryoablation can redefine treatment in India in an interview with **Hemant Kumar Rout**. Edited excerpts:

■ What significant advancements have transformed cancer care over the last decade?

Earlier, cancer treatment followed a 'maximum tolerable treatment' philosophy with aggressive surgery, intensive chemotherapy and prolonged radiation, often at the cost of quality of life. Today, the shift is towards effective, precision-driven personalised care. Genomic profiling has changed the way we treat cancer. Immunotherapy and targeted therapy have dramatically improved outcomes in selected cancers. Minimally invasive and robotic surgeries have enabled organ preservation. Artificial intelligence is further enhancing diagnostics and treatment planning. These advancements have improved cure rates while reducing complications and treatment duration.



■ Recently, a hospital in Sydney has made claims about breakthrough in MRI-guided cryoablation as a potential transformative cancer therapy. How strong is the evidence supporting cryoablation?

Cryoablation is a minimally invasive technique that destroys cancer cells using extreme cold. Like extreme heat that kills cancer cells, extreme cold also destroys cancer cells. It causes ice crystals inside the cancer cells, leading to ischemia (inadequate blood supply) and apoptosis (cell death). The procedure is image-guided using CT, MRI, or ultrasound to precisely target tumours. Cryotherapy has long been used in precancerous cervical lesions and even benign conditions like haemorrhoids. Its application is now expanding to solid tumours. Currently, cryoablation does not have level-one evidence comparable to conventional surgery. It is not a universal replacement for surgery, chemotherapy, or radiotherapy. However, evidence is steadily building.

■ How does cryoablation compare to conventional surgery in terms of local tumour control, recurrence rates and long-term survival?

For fit patients with localised tumours, surgery offers the best long-term cure rates and local control. Cryoablation offers advantages such as minimal invasiveness, faster recovery and lower immediate complications. It is particularly effective in small kidney tumours, selected liver tumours, small lung nodules, prostate cancer, bone metastases etc. Recently, I had a patient who had cancer in the right kidney, which was removed somewhere else. The patient was later diagnosed with cancer in the precious left kidney. Now, obviously, I cannot do surgery and remove the kidney leaving the patient on permanent dialysis. So, I did a cryo to control the cancer.

■ Given rising cancer burden with limited specialist resources in India, could cryoablation have a role in bridging gaps in accessibility and cost?

Yes, particularly in resource-limited settings. Take the example of cervical cancer, a leading cancer among women. Screening followed by immediate cryotherapy for precancerous lesions has been adopted under public health programmes. The World Health Organisation has supported such screen-and-treat strategies. For elderly patients, medically unfit individuals, or early-stage localised tumours, cryoablation reduces hospital stay and surgical risks. If combined with strong early detection programmes, it can significantly strengthen cancer control in India.

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DAY'S DIARY

1st Double Century

On this day in 2010, Sachin Tendulkar became the first-ever male player to score a double century in ODI cricket.

EARLY LIFE

Sachin often picked fights with new children in his school. To help curb his mischievous and bullying tendencies, his brother introduced the him to cricket in 1984.

DOMESTIC VICTORY

In 1988, he made his debut and scored 100 (not out) in that match, making him the youngest Indian to score a century.

FIRST EVER 200

In the 2010 ODI, Sachin became the first batter in one-day history to break the 200-run barrier. And it took him just 147 balls.

CE's guide to happenings in the city

PG 2

CHARGE SHOULD BE CLEARLY EXPLAINED

IN case of mandatory service charges, it no longer feels like appreciation and becomes just another transaction. Good service should be recognised but never taken for granted. From what I have seen in the industry, service charges do not always guarantee stable wages for staff. It is unclear how money is shared and diners usually do not know how much goes to employees. If the aim is fair pay, it should be included in menu prices. Being open about charges can change how people feel. When a service charge is clearly explained and optional, it helps build trust and avoids hard feelings. It is key to protect consumer choice and make sure hospitality workers are treated fairly. Respect and fairness should go both ways. **— SAM VARGHESE,** Senior social media executive

ANJALI RAM

THE debate around mandatory service charges on restaurant bills has come back under the spotlight after the Central Consumer Protection Authority reiterated that levying them as a default practice constitutes an unfair trade practice, punishable with fines of up to 50,000. While the directive aims to protect consumer choice and fair trade, it has also reignited concerns within the hospitality industry about staff welfare and wage stability. As the debate over service charges intensifies, *CE* speaks with Bengalureans on both sides of the table.

TIP OF THE TALK

SHOULD BE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY

I STRONGLY believe service charges should be voluntary. It has to come from the customer as a genuine appreciation of the service. The general industry thumb rule is the 30-30-30 model covering COGS (cost of goods sold), salaries, rentals, operational costs and marketing, with about 10 per cent as profit margin. If service charges are clearly mentioned and optional, that is a better approach and some customers will be more generous. In a city like Bengaluru, we are planning to reserve 5 per cent of our turnover as an incentive pool to be distributed among the entire team to ensure fair compensation. **— SANATHA BK,** Restaurant founder

SHOULD BE MANDATORY FOR PRIVATE DINING

IN places I've worked at, service charges are not mandatory. They can be removed at the guest's request. As a barista, what I want is clarity and fairness. Many customers don't understand the difference between the service charge and tips; sometimes, they even ask to remove GST. Ideally, service charge should be transparently distributed among all staffers, while tips can remain personal or pooled depending on the restaurant's policy. When restaurants pass on 100 per cent of the service charge to employees, it genuinely supports the team. But in some places, part of it goes towards covering breakage and wastage, which reduces its benefit to staff. Service charges are disclosed on the bill, so they aren't hidden. I feel they could be mandatory for private dining and bar settings, while remaining optional in regular dining, which would balance staff support and customer choice.

— SIMON KOSO, Barista

BALANCE RIGHTS WITH INDUSTRY DEMANDS

THE debate around service charge and voluntary tipping comes down to balancing customer rights with the nature of a service-led industry. Frontline staff play a key role in dining experiences, and tips or service charges are a way for guests to acknowledge good service. For service staff, this is a meaningful addition to income. At the same time, diners expect transparency. In Bengaluru, many are still happy to reward good service, but it should always remain a choice. Ultimately, the industry's priority is to ensure fairness for both guests and staff.

— JITENDRA KUMAR, Operations head

WITH THE CENTRAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AUTHORITY RENEWING ITS WARNING AGAINST MANDATORY SERVICE CHARGES ON RESTAURANT BILLS, BENGALUREANS ADD TO THE DEBATE

INCLUDE SALARIES IN MENU PRICING

The whole point of dining out is the service and ambience, and we already know that costs like AC and overall experience are built into the menu prices. So having a separate service charge doesn't always make sense. I feel more satisfied when I tip directly and see the person who served me benefit from it. That gives me more control over whether the quality of service deserved that extra amount. From a consumer psychology perspective, it would be better if restaurants built staff salaries into menu pricing instead of adding a separate charge at the end. Diners should know upfront what they are paying. Mandatory service charges take away consumer choice. The ideal middle ground is a grey area; keep service charge clearly printed and optional, encourage tipping, but don't force it. **— SANDHYA NARAYAN,** Research assistant

SERVICE CHARGE MAKES SENSE

Sometimes it does make sense for a service charge to be added, especially in situations where the effort involved is clearly high. Eg. when there are large groups and the team goes out of its way to manage customers. In those cases, I don't think customers mind paying. When staff politely mention that tips are appreciated, it naturally makes people more willing to tip or not waive the charge. That said, employees should be adequately paid without depending on charges.

— SASMIT MUDLIAR, Student

CITY READ

Conference explores the intersection of ageing & lit

Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Palace Road, recently hosted an International Conference on Psychology in Literary Gerontology, a collaboration between the Departments of Kannada and Psychology. The event shifted the narrative on ageing, moving away from the concept of decline toward a focus on wisdom, dignity and narrative identity. Keynote speaker Indira Jai Prakash highlighted the importance of ego integrity in the elderly, while Prof Giri Hegde explored how literature mirrors behavioural science. The conference also featured workshops on gender-specific psychosocial care by Dr Pranathi Ramachandra.

Guinness World Record footballer inspires students

Freestyle footballer Jamie Knight, ranked among the world's top ten and a multiple Guinness World Record holder, returned to Bengaluru recently to conduct exclusive workshops as part of the Podar Education Network's sports excellence initiative. The sessions focused on fostering creativity, discipline and a growth mindset through the art of freestyle football. Knight, who served as the official mascot for UEFA EURO 2020, regaled students with the same gravity-defying tricks he has performed at multiple UEFA Champions League Finals.

After his Dastakhat tour stop in the city, indie singer Anuv Jain gets candid on writing from real life & embracing minimalism in songwriting

ANJALI RAM

FOR a typical netizen scrolling through Instagram reels, it's hard to escape tracks like *Gul* or *Husn* sung in **Anuv Jain**'s warm voice. Also known for hits such as *Baarishein* and *Alag Aasmaan*, his music brings an immediate familiarity. You may often pause and think, 'Oh yeah... that reminds me of...'

Because for Jain, the feeling always comes first, and that philosophy has given rise to some of the most-loved independent tracks in recent years – with lyrics often feeling like pages torn straight from a diary. "I have always felt that technically music should be beautiful, but at the same time, it should not take away the feeling of a song because that's key," he says, speaking with *CE* ahead of his recent performance as a part of his Dastakhat tour at Pheonix Marketcity, Whitefield.

And that intimacy in his work comes from a deep personal writing process. "Everything that I've written is a true story – heartbreaks I've been through, heartbreaks around me, the love I've received, the difficulties we've gone through as a family – all of those inspire me," he confesses, yet stating that there is no attempt to dramatise pain or polish vulnerability. As his life has evolved, so has his songwriting, as he adds, "As you grow older, you keep adding these stories to your life and become mature. From that initial, school-level love, it turns into something deeper, especially now that I've gotten married. With that maturity, you start experimenting more with the way you write and begin defining your writing style and musicality more clearly."

A key milestone in Jain's journey was performing *Arz Kiya Hai* on Coke Studio Bharat Season 3, produced by Lost Stories. "Rishabh from Lost Stories (musical duo) is a very good friend of mine. When I got the chance to work on the song, he was the first person I thought of because I knew how I wanted it to sound," he shares. Together, they refined the structure and sonic elements, moulding what later became a defining moment in his career.

Despite his growing career, Jain shares that there is no calculated strategy behind his work. "Some artistes have a maximalist approach. I have a minimal approach. I always let my songwriting shine. There's no decision really – it comes naturally. It's just my taste," he smiles. He believes that this minimalism in simplicity is precisely why listeners connect so strongly to his music. "You can have the simplest chords and still move somebody beautifully. And you can have the most complicated chords, but if what you're saying isn't relatable, it kind of falls flat," he adds.

With growing fame, however, has come scrutiny, and Jain owns up to that he didn't always handle criticism well. "There are two types – constructive and nasty. I love the former, if someone teaches me how to improve, trust me, the next morning I'll wake up and start working on it. But if it's just nasty criticism about what I look like or who I am... I can't do anything about that," he says.

Fresh off his performance in the city, Jain is now looking at the larger emotional arc of his tour trilogy – Dastakein, Gul Dasta and Dastakhat. "Dastakein was basically a knock into somebody's life, into my audience's life. Whereas Gul Dasta was the present that I gave to them," he says. But Dastakhat – what began as intimate city runs is now expanding dramatically, he says, "This one is actually a 10-country tour, instead of a 10-city one. I'm going to be gone for like 10 months. So this show is a final signature that I'm doing before I sign-off."

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— Anuv Jain, singer

A GOOD SPORT

Bollywood actor Khushi Kapoor shares a laugh with visitors at the opening of Cava Athleisure's first offline store at Orion Mall, Rajajinagar | **Nagaraja Gadekal**

SQUID GAMES PG 3

XPRESS FOCUS

National Seminar Examines Internationalisation for Sustainable Impact in Higher Education

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC) of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, organised a National Seminar on "Internationalisation for Excellence and Sustainable Impact in Higher Education" on 19–20 February 2026 at the Bengaluru campus.

The two-day seminar brought together academicians, IQAC members, policymakers and industry representatives to deliberate on global benchmarking, sustainability, research impact and innovative pedagogies in higher education. A total of 46 participants, including researchers and presenters from eight institutions, took part in the event.

In his presidential address, Dr Fr Jose C C, Vice Chancellor, underscored the need for flexible, learner-centred models aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and strengthened through technology-enabled teaching and international collaboration. Dr S R Niranjana, Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, highlighted the challenges of brain drain and improving Gross Enrolment Ratio, stressing inclusive access in internationalisation efforts.

Structured across four thematic sessions, the seminar focused on gamification in e-learning, global education frameworks, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), global rankings and research impact. The seminar concluded with a valedictory session and presentation of the report, outlining pathways for structured international collaboration and measurable institutional impact, reaffirming the commitment of the University to excellence, sustainability, and global engagement through collaborative dialogue and action.

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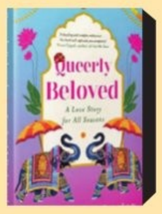
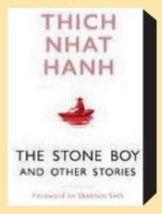


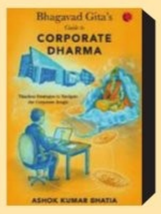
Queerly Beloved
By Farhad J Dadyburjor

Set in a contemporary rom-com landscape, it follows a tangled love triangle that threatens to upend Mumbai-based industrialist Ved Mehra's plans for a big fat Indian wedding with his partner, Carlos Silva.



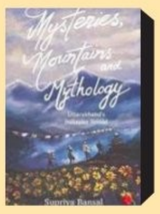
The Stone Boy and Other Stories
By Thich Nhat Hanh

Steeped in the textures of Vietnamese culture, these stories move gracefully across the landscapes of war, exile, egoism, oppression, and spiritual apprenticeship.



Bhagavad Gita's Guide to Corporate Dharma: Timeless Strategies to Navigate the Corporate Jungle
By Ashok Kumar Bhatia

It draws on the eternal wisdom of the *Gita* to offer a pragmatic playbook for managers trying to stay on the path of dharma.



Mysteries, Mountains and Mythology: Uttarakhand's Folktales Retold
By Supriya Bansal

The book celebrates Uttarakhand's rich culture and oral storytelling traditions by reimagining traditional folktales.

ART IN-SIGHT

Artist Ninganagouda C Patil explains his latest work to a visitor at 'Threads of Thought,' a group exhibition exploring the intersection of imagination and memory, currently on display at Art Houz on Palace Road | **VINOD KUMAR T**

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

CHATHA PACHA (Malayalam)

With rivalries and hilarious battles, a group of misfits form a wrestling club in Fort Kochi face bigger challenges, turning the fight into a comedy of action, heart, and survival.

Cast: Mammootty, Arjun Ashokan, Roshan Mathew

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KENNEDY (Hindi)

Once a family man, Kennedy now hides in plain sight. A quiet chauffeur by day and the commissioner's ruthless hitman by night. A gritty crime thriller directed by Anurag Kashyap.

Cast: Rahul Bhatt, Sunny Leone, Abhilash Thapliyal

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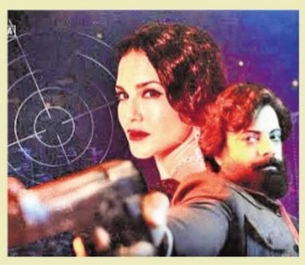

FOREIGN

BEING GORDON RAMSAY
(English, docu-series)

Follow celeb chef Gordon Ramsay behind the scenes as he juggles family life, global empire and his biggest launch yet in this all-you-can-eat documentary.

Cast: Gordon Ramsay

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HERE IS A TIME-EFFICIENT HIIT WORKOUT PLAN FOR BUSY PROFESSIONALS

For many working professionals, lack of time is the most common reason exercise slips down the priority list. Long office hours, commuting, family commitments and screen fatigue leave little room for hour-long workouts. The good news is that staying fit does not require spending endless time at the gym.

- Short, structured workouts can deliver meaningful health benefits when done consistently. Research shows that even brief bouts of physical activity improve metabolism, reduce body fat and support cardiovascular health. This is where High-Intensity Interval Training, or HIIT, fits in.
- HIIT involves alternating short bursts of high-effort exercise with brief recovery periods. A session can last anywhere between 10 and 25 minutes, making it ideal for busy schedules.
- Exercises such as squats, burpees, push-ups, high knees, lunges, planks, and mountain climbers use body weight as resistance, combining strength and cardio, in one routine.

WHY HIIT WORKS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

HIIT offers multiple benefits in a short time frame:

- Burns more calories in less time compared to steady-state workouts
- Boosts metabolism even after the workout is complete
- Improves heart health and oxygen efficiency
- Helps reduce body fat, including abdominal fat
- Supports blood sugar control and insulin sensitivity
- Builds muscular endurance without heavy equipment

A SIMPLE HIIT STRUCTURE

A basic HIIT workout can be structured as follows:

- 30 to 45 seconds of intense exercise
- 15 to 30 seconds of rest
- Six to 10 exercises per session
- Total workout time of 15 to 20 minutes
- Beginners can start with fewer rounds and longer rest periods, while experienced individuals can increase intensity gradually
- HIIT should not be performed every day at maximum intensity. Two to four sessions per week allow the body adequate recovery time. On rest days, light activity such as walking, stretching or mobility work helps maintain consistency without overtraining

HIIT removes the most common barrier to fitness: Time. Short, focused workouts can improve strength, endurance and overall health when done regularly. For busy professionals, consistency matters more than duration. Even 15 minutes of purposeful movement can make a noticeable difference when it becomes a habit.

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

GRAPE SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- **Grapes:** 2 kg
- **Walnuts:** ½ cup (chopped)
- **Granulated sugar:** ½ cup
- **Brown sugar:** 2 tablespoons (for the topping)
- **Cream cheese:** 250 g
- **Sour cream:** 1 cup
- **Vanilla extract:** 1 teaspoon

METHOD

- In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth.
- Gently stir in the grapes until they are all covered in the creamy mixture. In a separate small bowl, mix the brown sugar and walnuts together, then sprinkle them over the top.
- Cover the bowl and let it sit in the fridge for at least an hour (or overnight) and serve it cold.

Contributed by **Vijayalakshmi D,** Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Bow & Arrow

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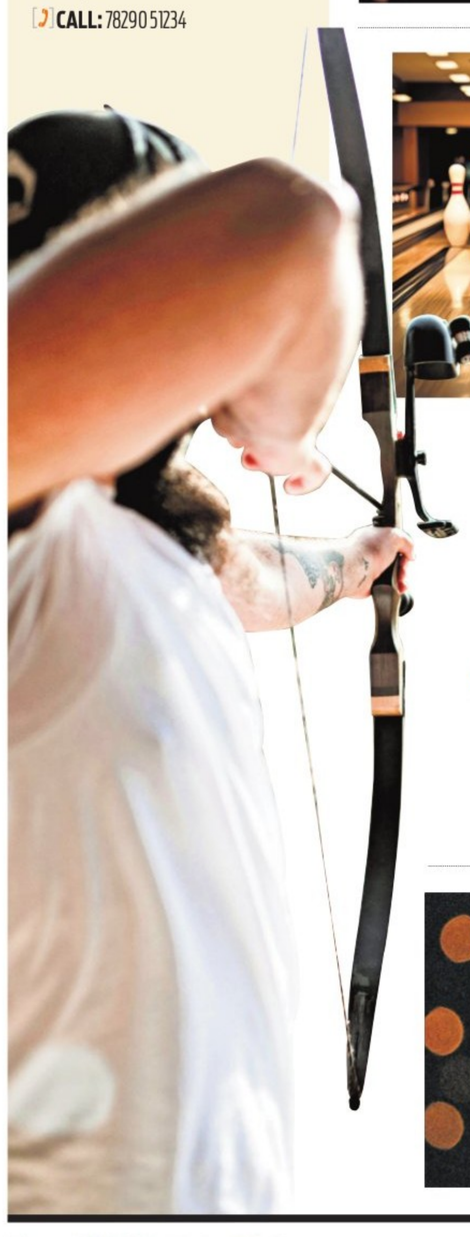
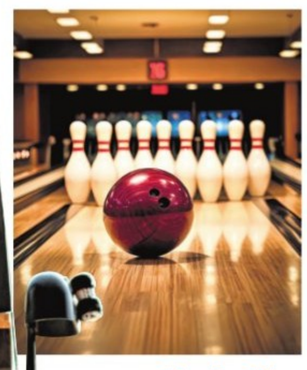
WHEN: February 24, 8.30am
WHERE: Ziel Shooting Academy, HSR Layout
CALL: 78290 51234



Lively Happenings

Indulge in an evening that features an immersive multi-floor production blending unscripted improv comedy, live retro-pop and high-energy swing, Latin and jive dance workshops paired with a complimentary brewery tour and German-crafted beer tasting.

WHEN: February 25, 7.30pm onwards
WHERE: Brau Galie Micro Brewery & Pub, Koramangala
CALL: 98008 29900



Up the Alley

Discover a social bar which features axe-throwing lanes, tech-enabled darts and modern bowling with a menu that includes shareable plates from Indian, Asian, American and many other cuisines.

WHEN: February 24, 12pm onwards
WHERE: Loco Lane, Prestige Shivaya Site, Shanthala Nagar
DETAILS: locolane.club

Tastes of Bengaluru

Experience the heritage of Old Bangalore with a curated pop-up 'Namma Naati Oota' by Chef Kalyan Gopalakrishna. The evening features a six-course sit-down dinner of Naati cuisine, like slow-cooked mutton fry, naati koli, bannur lamb specialities and many more, offering an immersive journey at Neer.

WHEN: February 24-26, 7pm onwards
WHERE: Hilton Bengaluru Embassy, MS Ramaiah North City, Manayata Tech Park
CALL: 81719 04081

DIY-ed

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WHEN: February 24, 11am onwards
WHERE: StoryZone, HSR Layout
CALL: 73491 51504

Dancing Tunes

Recharge your midweek energy at Tuesday Twist. The night features a mix of Bollywood and party anthems by DJ AD Reloaded and Resident DJ Dhruv, offering a nonstop dance floor vibe.

WHEN: February 24, 8pm onwards
WHERE: Toca, Koramangala
CALL: 95385 00032

Comically Sound

Witness the Bengaluru comedy scene featuring a lineup of comics like Kartikeya Fatwani, Vrinda, Aamer Peeran and many more. Tune in for a fun night where everyday chaos is turned in for laughs and expert quick wit.

WHEN: February 24, 9pm onwards
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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Artist Priyanka Aelay's contemporary work represents flora and fauna, approached through minimalism and Indian miniature art

SQUID GAMES

Slippery, strange and yet simple, squid can be a perfect dish when you crave delicious seafood. Try out these easy recipes at home!

LATHEEFA BINTH FAROOK, AHALYA VELUKUTTY

SOME creatures feel designed for myth. The squid is one of them – A cephalopod that can be smaller than your fingers or bigger than a bus. Described as mildly sweet and wonderfully adaptable, squid has been on menus for centuries.

Found in every ocean, it has adapted many culinary identities. In European countries, it is found as crisp golden rings – calamari, the bar snack that has conquered the globe. In Chinese kitchens, it is tossed over high heat with chillies, garlic and pepper. Korean cooks go a step further, using the whole squid, the body, tentacles, ink and all, wasting nothing.

In India, the squid, once found in the margins of seafood markets and a few home kitchens, is now stepping into the spotlight. It has always belonged to the coastal traditions of sea-side stares – cleaned on verandahs, sliced, simmered in coconut and spice. It absorbs marinades, spices and smoke with ease, making it a perfect canvas for bold flavours. Squid must be cooked either very fast or very slow. Anything in between, and it turns rubbery. Too eager, and you ruin it. Too cautious, and you lose it. Squid demands respect. A few seconds too long on the flame and it turns stubbornly tough. Handle it right, and it becomes tender and sweet. That fine line is what makes it the perfect tester of kitchen skill – a squid game of sorts. Ready to play? Here are some easy recipes to try at home.

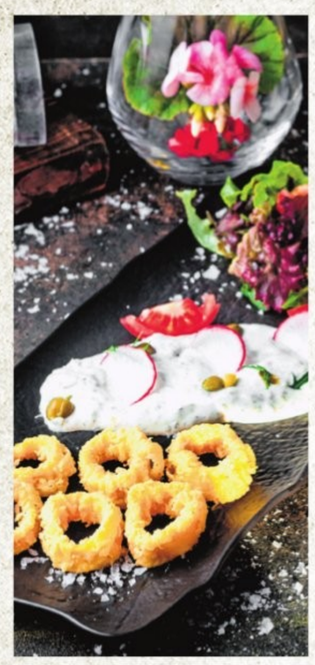
QUICK FACTS

- Squid ink is safe to eat and adds a briny, umami depth to dishes
- Squid change colour for camouflage and signalling
- Some species use bioluminescence to disappear into the ocean light
- The colossal squid has dinner plate-sized eyes – the largest in nature
- A squid's brain wraps around its food pipe
- Giant squid can grow as long as a bus

Nutrition score

- Rich in B12, selenium and taurine – good for cardiovascular health
- High in choline that supports memory and cognition
- Contains lutein for healthy vision
- Lean protein – Low in fat, high in minerals.
- Squid oil is a planet-friendly alternative to fish oil

SQUID VEGETABLE FRITTERS



INGREDIENTS

- Squid (legs): 500g
- Onion: 1, small
- Carrot: 1/2
- Green onion (chopped): 1/2 cup
- Egg: 1
- Consommé powder: 1 tsp (or to taste)
- Grated ginger: 1 tbsp
- Vegetable oil: for frying
- Salt: to taste

METHOD

Cut the squid and vegetables roughly. Finely chop them in a food processor. Transfer to a bowl, add egg, consommé powder, ginger, and salt. Mix well. Heat oil in a pan and drop spoonfuls of the mixture. Fry until golden and cooked through.

CHILLI GARLIC GRILLED SQUID SALAD

INGREDIENTS

Squid: 400g

Marinade

Red chilli (diced): 3

Garlic-infused olive oil: 2 tbsp

Salad

Avocado (sliced): 2

Rocket leaves: 100g

Garnish

Lime (halved): 3

Crispy onion: 3 tbsp

METHOD

Marinate squid with two-thirds of the diced chillies and garlic oil for at least an hour. Arrange avocado slices and rocket on serving plates. Heat a griddle pan and sear lime halves and squid for about 90 seconds per side until lightly charred and cooked. Slice squid into rings and place over the salad. Garnish with crispy onions, remaining chillies and a drizzle of oil. Serve with charred lime.

METHOD

Combine flour, egg, cold water, salt and pepper to make a smooth batter. Add squid and vegetables and mix well. Heat oil in a pan. Pour in a ladle of batter and spread into a pancake. Cook on medium heat until golden on both sides. Slice and serve hot.

SQUID & VEGETABLE PANCAKE

INGREDIENTS

- Squid (cleaned and bite-sized): 2
- Onion: 1/2
- Zucchini: 1/2
- Carrot: 1/2
- Green onions (3cm pieces): as required
- Chives (6cm pieces): as required

Batter

- All-purpose flour: 500g
- Egg: 1
- Cold water: as required

Pantry

- Vegetable oil: for cooking
- Salt and pepper: to taste

INSTANT POT CALAMARI WITH TOMATOES

INGREDIENTS

- Canola oil: 2 tbsp
- Garlic smashed: 2 cloves
- Curry powder: 1 tsp
- Red pepper flakes: ½ tsp
- Fresh cleaned calamari: 500-600g
- Diced tomato: 2
- Chicken broth: 1 cup
- Fresh lemon juice: 2 tbsp
- Salt and pepper: to taste

METHOD

Add the oil, garlic, curry powder and red pepper flakes and sauté for a minute. Add calamari and sauté for 4 minutes. Add diced tomatoes, chicken broth, lemon juice, salt and pepper and stir well. Close the lid and cook on high pressure for 20 minutes. When cooking time is complete, do a quick pressure release. Serve and enjoy.

STIR- FRIED SQUID

INGREDIENTS

- Squid: 250g cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- Garlic paste: 1/2 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 2 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1/2 tsp
- Black pepper, ground: 1/2 tsp
- Rice flour: 1 tsp
- Salt: 1 tsp
- Lime juice: 1 tsp
- Coconut oil: 3 tbsp

METHOD

Marinate the squid in all the ingredients except the oil. Leave for 2 hours at room temperature. Heat the oil in a skillet and stir-fry the squid over high heat for 3-5 minutes. Be careful not to stand too close to the pan, squid spatters when it's being fried. Serve hot.

CRISPY FRIED SQUID RINGS

INGREDIENTS

- Squid: 500g
- Corn flour: 1/2 cup
- Egg: 1
- Bread slices: 4-5
- *Maida* (all-purpose flour): 3 tbsp
- Pepper powder: 1/2 tsp
- Paprika/red chilli powder: 1 tsp
- Garlic powder (optional): a pinch
- Oregano (optional): a pinch
- Salt: to taste
- Oil: for frying

METHOD

Clean and wash squid. Remove tentacles and cut into rings. Pat dry thoroughly. Spread corn flour on a plate. Beat egg with a little salt in a bowl. Blend bread slices with *maida*, pepper, paprika and optional herbs to make breadcrumbs. Dust squid rings in corn flour, dip in egg, then coat with breadcrumbs. Deep-fry in hot oil on medium-high heat for 2-3 minutes until golden. Drain on tissue paper. Serve hot with garlic mayo, sweet chilli sauce, ketchup or lemon wedges.

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I, ADITI NAGESH CHITTLOR, D/o. Nagesh Mohan Kumar Chittlor, Aged about 19 years, resident of No.21, Shopping Street, BKS Layout, Kumara Park West, Bangalore North, Bangalore -560020, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **ADITI NAGESH CHITTLOR** to **ADITI CHITTLOR,** vide affidavit dated 23-02-2026 sworn before notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Reg. No.12464 (GOI), Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **B.P.KIRANKUMAR @ KIRAN,** S/o Mr. Prakash .B, age 29 yers, R/at No. 25, Mullur Village, Sarjapura Road, Carmelaram Post, Bengaluru-560 035 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KIRAN** and **B.P.KIRANKUMAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **B.P.KIRANKUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KEVALIN,** S/o Sri. Sandeep Sharma & Smt. Shweta Singh @ Shweta Shirin Singh, aged 19 years, R/a Villa 30, LGCL Luminaire, No.39, Nanjareddy Colony, BDA Main Road, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Bengaluru-560075, have changed my name to **KEVALIN SHARMA** vide affidavit dt. 23.02.2026 before Notary **CV Earappa,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JENNIFER CARMEN MARY LOPES,** aged 74 Years, Wife of Peter Lopes also known as Peter Anthony Lopes, R/at B21, Marisa Apartments, 16/1, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560025, my true and correct full name is **JENNIFER CARMEN MARY LOPES** and I am also known in the name of **JENNIFER LOPES,** that these both names refers, pertains and belongs to one and the same person i.e. myself only and to consider, record my name as **JENNIFER CARMEN MARY LOPES,** vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 before Notary **C.V.EARAPPA,** Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HERAMBA VINAYAKA BHATT** (Old Name) R/at No. G 4 B Block Aarvinds Sowparnika Near Shanthiniketan layout Arekere Bannerghatta Road Bangalore- 560076 have changed my name to **HERAMBA BHAT** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 23/2/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) HEMANTHA NAGAPPA** S/O Nagappa, residing at No. 55, Near Thotada Mani, Somashettihalli, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HEMANTHA NAGAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) HEMANTH NAGAPPA** vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026 sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Radhika W/o Dharanesha.N.P aged about 40 years Residing at: 14, RBM layout, Madapatna village, Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, declare that my Name is **Radhika** i.e entred in all records but my daughter SSLC marks sheet my name entred as **Rajamma** instead of **Radhika,** I want to rectified my name as **Radhika** in her SSLC Marks sheet, vide affidavit dated 21/2/2026 sworn to before Muniswamy T Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGA VENKATA DURGA BHARGAVI AKULA** residing at #G5, 49/24, Vandana Nest, 14th Main, Yellamma temple, Jakkasandra Extension, Agara, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034 hereby state that in my minor daughter's school record her name is mentioned as **VENKATA NAGA SAI RUTHIKA KOTA** instead of **KOTA VENKATA NAGA SAI RUTHIKA.** Name have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 21-02-2026 before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. NANDINI SANJAY,** age 43 years, W/o Sanjay K S, r/at No. 887, Corporation Bank Road, Telephone Exchange, Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore-560 092 do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **SIYA SANJAY,** but in her birth certificate her name is wrongly mentioned as **SIYA S S** instead of correct name **SIYA SANJAY,** vide affidavit dated 21st Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H. SRIDHAR RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **162869-H,** Ex-PO (ME), SHANTH KUMAR P M, residing at No.201, 1st D Cross, HRBR Layout, 3rd Block, St. Thomas Town Post, KAMMANAHALLI, Bengaluru 560084, have changed the name of my wife from **SHALINI SHANTH KUMAR** to **D R S NIRMALA KUMARI** vide Affidavit Dated: 20/02/2026sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RITIKA SAXENA,** resident of #B-3005, B2, Nikoo Homes 2, Bhartiya City, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560064, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RITIKA SHRIVASTAVA** to **RITIKA SAXENA,** vide affidavit dated 23.02.2026, sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K S SHILPASHREE (KUCHALU SATYANARAYANA SHILPASHREE),** aged about 44 years, C/o. Dayananda M B, No. 405, Himanshu Residency, T F 01, 9th Main, MPM Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHILPASHREE** to **K S SHILPASHREE (KUCHALU SATYANARAYANA SHILPASHREE),** vide affidavit dated 23.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) JAYASHANKARA RANGASWAMY** S/o Rangaswamy Rangappa, resident of No. 100, Old No. 27, D V G Road, Near Sai Gold Palace, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) JAYASHANKARA RANGASWAMY** to **(NEW NAME) JAYASHANKAR RANGASWAMY** vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026 sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRINIVASAN SUDHAKAR** S/o Srinivas.C, residing at No.67/1B, 8th 'A' Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore - 560 060, have changed my name from **SUDHAKAR.S** to **SRINIVASAN SUDHAKAR,** vide affidavit dated 23/2/2026 sworn to before R Basavaraja Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAHARSH SADABHARTIA,** S/o Shashi Kant Sadabhartia, R/at Flat #402, 4th Floor, ECC Road, Whitefield Road, Near ITPL, SLV Nivas, Sy No. 77/1-B, Pattandur Agrahara, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560 066 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAHARSH** (old name) to **SAHARSH SADABHARTIA** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SAHARSH SADABHARTIA** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIVANANJE GOWDA S,** S/o Sannegowda, R/at No. 21/1-1, 5th Cross, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVANANJE GOWDA** to **SHIVANANJE GOWDA .S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHIVANANJE GOWDA .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHAUDHARI RAZI AHAMAD SIDDIQI** declare that the name of father in ICSE records/ certificates pertaining to my son **AREEB CHAUDHARI** with Admission Card Index No. (Roll No.) 1266405/224, Unique ID (Regd.No.): 8865736 has to be corrected / changed and recorded as **CHAUDHARI RAZI AHAMAD SIDDIQI** (correct name) instead of **CHAUDHARI RAZI AHAMAD** (incorrect name) vide Affidavit Dated: 23/02/2026 sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shammi B,** D/o Bansilal Mandhyan, aged 54 years, R/o No. 129, Amarjothi, 8th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore – 560027, hereby declare that after my marriage in 1993, my name was changed to **Bhakthi R. Bhatia.** Both names **Shammi B** and **Bhakthi R. Bhatia** refer to one and the same person. I have discontinued the use of the name **Bhakthi R. Bhatia** and shall henceforth be known only as **Shammi B** for all purposes. Affidavit sworn before Advocate & Notary L Gopalakrishna on 23rd February, 2026

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIJAYAKUMARI SEELASANI,** W/o M N Vishwanath R/at No.18/19, Jyothi Nagar, Horamavu Agara, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043,

have changed my name from **"VIJAYAKUMARI SEELASANI" to "VIJAYA SHELASANI"**, vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026 sworn to before Puttaramaiah advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VANITHA GANGADHAR,** W/o. D R Gangadhar, residing at # 402B, D Ramrao Nagar, Dasanapura Village, Bengaluru Rural, PIN: 562123, have changed my name to **VANITHA M S** vide Affidavit Dated: 23/02/2026, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHIRENDRA BIHARI residing at No. 03, 14/14th 'D' CROSS, AGRAHARA DASARAHALLI, BENGALURU KARNATAKA 560079 have changed my name from DHIRENDRA KUMAR BIHARI to DHIRENDRA BIHARI** vide Affidavit dated 23-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary DEVARAJ E, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VAJRESH SURESH,** R/at No. 454, 4th Cross, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560 103 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SHARVI VAJRESH** to **SHARVII VAJRESH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **SHARVII VAJRESH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHITAL VIJAYKUMAR MOGANE,** S/o Vijaykumar Shripati Mogane, age 46 years, R/at Res. No. 121, SIG-A, 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka, Bengaluru North District, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names of my minor son i.e. **SHUBHAM MOGANE** and **SHUBHAM SHITAL MOGANE** are one and the same and refers to my son only, henceforth he shall be known and called as **SHUBHAM SHITAL MOGANE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VAISHNAVI CHINNAKONDA VINOTH ANAND,** aged abot 37 years, W/o. Vinothanand Chinnakonda Ashokbapu, Mahaveer Jonquil A 202, 1st MN 3rd CRS Samudhaya Bhvan RD., Puttenahalli Sami Vivekanda Colony, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VAISHNAVI CHINNAKKONDA VINOTH ANAND** to **VAISHNAVI CHINNAKONDA VINOTH ANAND,** vide affidavit dated 23.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARISH** (Old Name) R/at No.607, 8TH CROSS, 9TH D MAIN, RPC LAYOUT, VIJAYNAGAR 2ND STAGE, Bengaluru- 560104 have changed my name to **HARISH EMDAL** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 23/2/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ANU HARALAKERA KARIYAPPA** W/o Jayashankar Rangaswamy, residing at No. 100, Old No. 27, D V G Road, Near Sai Gold Palace, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, Karnataka-560004, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ANU HARALAKERA KARIYAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) CHINMAYI SHANKAR** vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026 sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ganesh M, S/o Muthukumar R, aged about 41 years, residing at D703, Bollineni Silas, Belathur Main Road, Kadugodi, Bangalore 560067, have changed my minor daughter's name from **G. Pooja** to **Pooja Ganesh,** vide affidavit dated 23/2/2026 sworn to before T Mallikarjuna Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. SANTU .M,** W/o. Kumawat Pappuram, aged about 28 years, Residing at No. 25, 3rd Cross, Opp-Ganga International School, Pillanna Layout, Karivobanhalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560073, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **GANSH KUMAWAT .P** to **GARVITH KUMAWAT .P,** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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VISIBILITY IS ONE THING, SUSTAINABILITY IS ANOTHER: VIJAYANAND

A still from the film

Vijayanand

With Gilli Nata stepping in as a lead in Super Hit, at the height of his popularity, alongside Gowrav Shetty, the director says their strong audience connect becomes a plus point, helping the film's comedy and suspense land with greater ease

A still from the film

A SHARADHAA

POST *Krishna Talkies*, director Vijayanand moves into a lighter yet tricky zone with *Super Hit*, a film he describes as a full-fledged comedy that also blends thriller and suspense. For the team, the project already feels "half won," thanks to the casting of actors known for their humour, including Gilli Nata, winner of Bigg Boss Kannada Season 12, which brought him widespread popularity, along with Gowrav Shetty. Produced under Vijayalakshmi Enterprises, the film is set to release on February 27, with RD Nagarjuna handling cinematography, Srikant Sankalan editing, and V Nagendra Prasad composing the music.

For Vijayanand, the real hook lies in the film's tonal balance. "I was looking for a producer after my last film, and that's when Umesh came in. During our discussions, we felt we should attempt a complete comedy with a thriller element. Usually, films either stay in the thriller zone with bits of humour or go fully humorous. A comedy driven by suspense is rare, and we wanted to bring something fresh."

Comedy, he says, has always been instinctive for him as a writer. "I've always enjoyed writing humour, but it only works when the actors understand timing. That's why casting was crucial." Gowrav Shetty came on board after auditions, having built recognition through short films, while Gilli carried strong recall from reality shows before stepping into the film. "When we saw them together, their on-screen chemistry felt organic. Their humour comes naturally, and that worked for the film," he adds.

Vijayanand also points to a broader shift in the industry. With large-scale action spectacles dominating screens, he felt pure comedy performers were becoming rare. "Today, even actors known for comedy are leaning towards actioners," he says. "I wanted actors who could stay rooted in humour and enjoy the genre without trying to be something else."

The transition from stage and television to cinema, however, required refinement. "They know acting, but cinema demands control in body language, dialogue delivery, and emotional progression," Vijayanand explains. "We worked on these aspects. Their characters have shades and go through transformations, so the performances had to evolve with the story. As directors, it is about bringing out what suits the film."

The title *Super Hit* may sound playful, but Vijayanand says it carries a thought. "There's a line in the Bhagavad Gita about how every action has a reason and a result," he says. "Our film follows characters on a journey shaped by their choices. On the surface, it is a comedy with suspense, but there is also a small philosophical note. At the same time, it is very much a commercial entertainer."

He also credits producer Umesh's personal journey for the film's spirit. "He went through a difficult phase and wanted to invest in something meaningful," Vijayanand says. "He even chose a simple temple wedding to save money and produce a film. That responsibility stayed with me. I waited until I felt confident about the script because I did not want his belief to go to waste."

Gilli's popularity after his reality show win has naturally expanded the film's reach, Vijayanand admits. "The film already had the ingredients of a good entertainer, but the love he has been receiving after the Bigg Boss win has been a big plus," he says. "Our audience base has grown almost tenfold. At the same time, Gowrav Shetty's appreciation from earlier work has also brought positive attention."

Yet Vijayanand is clear about what ultimately matters. "They are talented, but the strength of the content decides everything," he says. "If the story connects, the actors automatically become stars. Good content creates good directors and good actors." For Gilli, *Super Hit* marks his first outing as a full-fledged lead, something Vijayanand calls both a test and an opportunity. "He has the energy and connect, and now it is about how the audience receives him as a lead actor," he says.

As for whether reality show fame can translate into longevity, Vijayanand remains measured. "Visibility is one thing, sustainability is another. Cinema ultimately tests your craft. This film is one step in that journey," he says.

The film also introduces Shwetha, a filmmaker stepping in front of the camera. "She comes from a direction background, so she understands scenes deeply. Her character has a few shades, and she has delivered a strong performance," Vijayanand notes. The ensemble cast also includes Nagendra Prasad, Dragon Manju, Sadhu Kokila, Seenu, Tennis Krishna, Giri, Govinde Gowda (GG), Kari Subbu, Somanna, Ajay Sarapure, Swapna Shettygar, Ashwin Rao and Priya Tarun. For now, his expectations are simple. 'We've made a film meant to entertain. If audiences walk out smiling and talking about *Super Hit*, that itself will make it a super hit,' he concludes.

Jab Khuli Kitaab gets a release date

CE FEATURES

ACTORS PANKAJ Kapur and Dimple Kapadia will soon be seen in a romantic film titled *Jab Khuli Kitaab*. A motion poster of the film, also starring Aparshakti Khurana, was shared by the makers on Monday.

Written and directed by actor and screenwriter Saurabh Shukla, *Jab Khuli Kitaab* is based on his original play of the same name. Shoestrap Films Production is bankrolling the film, which is slated to premiere on ZEE5 on March 6.

As per a press note shared by the makers: "*Jab Khuli Kitaab* follows Gopal and Anusuya, a couple whose decades-long bond faces an unexpected revelation that shakes up their equation. As long-held truths come to light, the family is drawn into a whirlwind of emotions, sometimes poignant, often humorous, resulting in a story that explores love, companionship, forgiveness, and the beautiful possibility of rediscovering each other after a lifetime together."

Aparshakti plays a young lawyer in the film.

Akshay Oberoi and Sudev Nair step into the world of *Yash*'s Toxic

CE FEATURES

THE universe of Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups continues to grow with the introduction of two new characters. Akshay Oberoi steps in as Tony, while Sudev Nair takes on the role of Karmadi. These additions bring new layers to the action drama led by *Yash*.

Akshay's Tony has a distinct retro vibe, with long sideburns, fitted silhouettes, and an aura that feels like it's from another time. The character appears shaped by conflict, balanced in his presence but with a hint of danger. In contrast, Sudev's Karmadi is more grounded and calm. With a flat cap, a sharp moustache, and a steady gaze, he shows quiet determination, letting silence speak volumes.

Director Geetu Mohandas talks about casting Sudev, saying, "This journey would have been much tougher without the right casting for Karmadi. I needed someone who could be present and quietly supportive of the film, and Sudev made it effortless. He brought a quiet strength to every frame, depth without showing off, and emotion without going overboard. On set, he led gently by example."

On Akshay, she added, "Working with Akshay has been one of those rare experiences. He doesn't approach a script passively; he questions it in a really thoughtful way. Watch out for this talent because he's going to be great!"

The recently released teaser, which features *Yash* in a clean-shaven look as 'Ticket,' has gained strong attention online and sparked discussions about the film's storyline. Written by *Yash* and Geetu Mohandas, the film is shot in Kannada and English, with several dubbed versions. Produced by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, Toxic is set for a worldwide theatrical release on March 19, 2026

Akshay Oberoi

Yash

Sudev Nair

Bheema Theerada Hanthakaru to release as a two-part series

The film, explores the real-life conflicts along the banks of the Bheema river in the 1990s

CE FEATURES

THE much-anticipated crime saga *Bheema Theerada Hanthakaru*, written by journalist Ravi Belagere, will be adapted into a two-part feature film by filmmaker Kabaddi Narendra Babu. The project explores the real-life conflicts along the banks of the Bheema river in the 1990s. This violent feud between two families became a grim chapter in regional history.

One of the film's most emotional moments is the casting of Bhavana Belagere as the narrator. This decision adds a personal touch to the story, blending memory and performance. Bhavana has expressed her joy about taking on this role, hoping that the film remains true to the spirit of the original book and the events it described.

The story shows how a small dispute between the families of Chandappa Harijan and Keshappa Tavarakhade escalated into a long cycle of violence that reportedly claimed many lives. The director noted that the book's extensive material and historical details required the team to divide the project into two parts, since a single film would not be enough. The script for the first installment is complete, and filming is expected to start soon.

Produced by Sri Gavi Ranganathaswamy Pictures and Anjaneya Productions, the film features a strong cast, including Sayaji Shinde, Sharath Lohitashwa, and Sonu Sood. With its blend of history, crime, and personal legacy, the adaptation aims to recreate a turbulent period while honouring Ravi Belagere's investigative storytelling.

Manipuri film Boong wins BAFTA Award

CE FEATURES

ON Monday, Manipuri coming-of-age drama *Boong* made history by becoming the first Indian film to bag the BAFTA awards under the Best Children's and Family Film category.

Directed by Lakshmipriya Devi, the film is produced by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani under their Excel Entertainment banner. In her speech, Lakshmipriya thanked the jury for choosing the film and described *Boong* as, "A film that is rooted in a place which is very troubled, very much ignored and very underrepresented, my homeland, Manipur. So, I just want this opportunity to say that we pray for peace to return to Manipur." Other nominees in the category include Arco (2025), Lilo and Stitch (2025), and Zootopia 2 (2025).

Boong premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2024.

Gorgeous Rascal to hit theatres in March

Gowrav Shetty, Shwetha and Gilli Nata

CE FEATURES

AUDIENCES continue to warm to fresh voices in Kannada cinema, and from one such team comes the dark comedy Gorgeous Rascal, which is set for a March 6 theatrical release.

Produced under the Adrushta Lakshmi Productions banner by R Chethan Krishna, who also composes the music, the film has already built early buzz with two songs sung by Velmurugan and Darshan Narayan, both receiving a warm response.

Written and directed by R Pramod Jois, the film follows an investigation into a mysterious murder, with suspicion falling on a close friend and the victim's wife, as the story blends intrigue, dark humour, and character-driven tension.

The technical crew includes choreographer Sukku Sukumar, cinematographer Shanku Shivashankar, and editor Akshay P. Rao. Featuring Prerana Bhat, Yuvin, Rajveer Singh, Chetan Mahesh, Shaktikumar, Sunil Puranik, and Swathi, the film was shot across Bengaluru and Maharashtra, promising a playful yet suspenseful ride.